

All you need to know on rabies

PROF. DANIEL COHEN of Beer-Sheva's University of the Negev, a world authority on rabies, has answered a series of questions on the subject submitted by The Jerusalem Post. Prof. Cohen is Professor of Comparative Medicine at the University's Desert Research Institute. He served five years as an officer of the U.S. Public Health Service, in the course of which he organized a rabies control programme in New Jersey. In addition to holding senior academic positions in veterinary medicine, he was appointed by the Secretary-General of the World Health Organization as a member of the World Expert Panel of Veterinary Public Health. He has served as a consultant on veterinary public health throughout Latin America and Asia.

1. Is there any way of telling if the dog in the street is rabid? No. We can suspect a dog has rabies if there is a remarkable change of behaviour (gentle dogs becoming vicious or vice versa) accompanied by some unexplained paralysis of the limbs, face, jaw, or throat muscles; but we can only really tell by laboratory examination. All unprovoked attacks by animals in a rabies area must be regarded as suspect of rabies exposure.

2. What should you do to avoid a dog you suspect of being rabid? Does one stand still or attempt to kick it?

Neither. One must avoid being bitten by a suspected rabid animal at all costs. One should avoid seeking or kicking such animals or standing still, but rather get to protective cover as quickly as possible.

3. Is there any way of telling if your own dog is coming down with rabies? No, but the owner is best able to judge if his dog is exhibiting unusual behavioral or clinical signs. One should consult his veterinarian for an explanation.

4. What are the symptoms of rabies in dogs? The first signs are usually vague. The disposition of the animal may change. It may be either moody and irritable and prefer to be left alone, or it may become exceptionally friendly and want to be comforted. In general, the animal tends to become hypersensitive and jumpy. It then enters the "furious" stage. It may start chewing on sticks and other objects and start wandering from home. In its wanderings, it becomes more and more irritable and tends to bite at things which come across its path. It may be attracted to moving objects or may bite inanimate, stationary objects. It may slobber and foam at the mouth. The pupils become dilated and the eyes glassy. There is difficulty in swallowing. The dog undergoes incoordination and convulsive seizures and may die at this point. If it does not, it will undergo progressive paralysis and coma and then die.

Some dogs enter the phase of progressive paralysis very early in the disease and may never show any of the furious symptoms. This type is referred to as "dumb" rabies and the dog may appear very much like one with a bone caught in its throat. Its jaw and throat muscles (Continued on page 4, col. 4)

Peres' PM prospects alarm Mapam leaders

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. Several Mapam leaders said yesterday they wanted a role in selecting the Alignment's candidate for the premiership. Their demand reflected a growing concern that Labour would nominate Defence Minister Shimon Peres.

Meanwhile, both Peres and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin continued their meetings with potential supporters. Peres is reported to have reached an understanding with former foreign minister Abba Eban who also intends to run for the premiership. The two are expected to cooperate.

Peres' prospects alarmed Mapam. Its central committee voted 75 to 23 to "discuss" the selection of the prime minister in the "clarification talks" it has been holding with Labour. These talks are designed to help Mapam to come to a decision on whether to continue its alignment with Labour.

Ministers Victor Shemtov and Shlomo Rosen, as well as the party's political secretary Naftali Feder, opposed the motion to discuss the matter with Labour, but found themselves in a minority. Secretary-General Meir Talmi had also opposed Mapam intervention at this stage. But he appeared to have yielded to the general sentiment at the four-and-a-half hour debate and convinced the majority to approve an ambiguously worded resolution.

The resolution said Mapam wanted to discuss with Labour "the premiership, on the assumption Mapam does not intend to intervene in the internal struggles in the Labour Party."

Mapam leaders were divided on the criteria for judging the candidates. Feder said the criteria should be the candidates' views but Ya'akov Haiman said "it was not only the person who is responsible for them more than formulas."

Meanwhile Peres and Rabin continued their meetings with potential supporters. One Labour Party source told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that Peres and Eban had agreed to form a team. Israel TV reported that the two have reached an understanding and that Eban expects to be Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister in a government headed by Peres. The television report also said Eban would present his candidacy for the premiership, and if it became apparent that he would not receive sufficient support — he would then call on his supporters to vote for Peres.

Sources close to Eban told The Jerusalem Post Eban's candidacy still stands and there was exaggerated talk of agreements between the two.

Both Rabin and Peres are said to have supported the appointment of Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev to head the Labour Party's election campaign. Bar-Lev was nominated by the party's leadership bureau by a vote of 20 against one. (The sole opponent was the Young Guard's Nathan Rabinowitz.) Party sources told The Post former Prime Minister Golda Meir (who backs Rabin) and Peres nominated Bar-Lev at a meeting in Rabin's home on Saturday. Bar-Lev will continue to carry out his ministerial duties.

Officials rap police on Paris murder

PARIS. — Gerard Freche, 31, was formally charged yesterday with the murder of Prince Jean de Broglie, a former French deputy foreign minister.

Meanwhile, Justice Ministry officials strongly criticized the revelations on the case at Wednesday's press conference by Interior Minister Michel Poniatowski and senior police officers.

Poniatowski and the officers named Freche and five others as being responsible for the murder, though none had then been charged. The details and the allegations made during the press conference were "in contradiction" with the French penal code.

Freche, 31, a petty criminal is said to have confessed to shooting de Broglie on Christmas Eve. Three others, including a police inspector, alleged to be implicated in the murder were expected to be charged with complicity shortly, officials said. (AP, Reuters)



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Rainy prospects for new year

BEIT DAGON. — The weather will clear up gradually today and turn partly cloudy to clear skies on Saturday, January 1st. But this is not likely to be an omen for the new year since the indications are that it will rain again early next week.

The weatherman said that there was a new barometric trough building up in the bay of Genoa, which is often the witches' cauldron for later storms in this part of the Mediterranean.

This week's rain was of little benefit to crops in the south. The Negev has, by and large, remained bone dry ever since the first rains in late October.

Jerusalem, with an annual average rainfall of 549 mm., has had 105.4 mm. so far this season, as against Tel Aviv's 272 (annual average 564) and Haifa's 272.5 (annual average 508).

Beersheba's total so far is 10.1 mm. against an annual average of 204.

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Sadat links Palestine with Jordan; Israel is cautious

In a surprise statement, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has declared that any newly-created Palestinian state must be formally linked with Jordan — a move seen likely to be opposed by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Sadat proposal was given a qualified welcome in Jerusalem. Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said that the Egyptian leader's statement constituted a positive development in Cairo's position "if Sadat was retreating" from his previous call for the establishment of a Palestinian state west of the Jordan River.

In Washington, American officials privately welcomed Sadat's statement while recalling that the U.S. and Israel have repeatedly stressed that negotiations over the West Bank should be conducted with Jordan.

The Sadat statement was included in an interview with the "Washington Post," in the course of describing new conditions for a Middle East peace settlement. Sadat also said that Israel's withdrawal to the pre-1967 war borders must be accomplished quickly, as was the case in 1956, not phased over a period of time. He added that Lebanon must take part in the Geneva conference as a full-fledged participant.

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'Palestine Year' a flop

By ANAN SAPADI
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The year, which began as the "Year of the Palestinians," ends tonight with the Palestine Liberation Organization bloodied militarily and staggering politically. Yesterday's statement by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat that any projected Palestinian state must be linked formally to Jordan has knocked the props out from beneath the PLO's declared objective for setting up its own state independent of Amman.

Egypt, Syria and Jordan, now consolidating a joint front, were seen promoting a new "cooperative" Palestinian leadership designed to take over the PLO. The latter movement has unquestionably lost much of its standing and sympathy in the immediate Arab region as a result of its involvement in Lebanon's 20-month civil war and its continued political conflicts with the Arab states neighbouring Israel.

The PLO now faces one of two alternatives: either a far-reaching reshuffle favouring cooperation with Egypt, Syria and Jordan or preservation of its current establishment with the risk of renewed confrontations, if not showdowns, with those countries.

In the meantime, the PLO, which was named as the sole representative of the Palestinians by a 1974 Arab summit in Rabat, is losing much of its political role to Jordan. The latter, in turn, has already embarked on reviving its association with the West Bank by building up communication with local dignitaries including Hebron's influential mayor Sheikh Ali Ja'abari, who is now in Amman.

Ja'abari yesterday challenged the PLO's claim over the West Bank by stressing that Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip must be provided with the right to self-determination under the auspices of either the Arab League or the UN.

Attempts to sidetrack the PLO in its present setup came as Egypt, Syria and Jordan sought to give an impetus to their current diplomatic offensive mainly aimed at convincing U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter to reconvene the Geneva Middle East conference at an early date to settle the growing Arab comprehensive and decisive settlement of the Israel-Arab conflict.

The three Arab "confrontation" states were being assisted in their offensive by oil-rich Saudi Arabia, or rather by the strongman behind the Saudi throne, Crown Prince Fahd.

President Sadat yesterday hinted that Fahd will go to Washington within a few weeks to inaugurate a series of conferences Arab leaders hope to have with Carter early in the new year. In an interview with Beirut's "al-Sayyid" magazine, Sadat said that the Saudi Crown Prince, who recently played a major role in restricting oil price hikes, will be carrying an Arab "peace offensive" to Washington soon. Sadat added that "Fahd should give Carter a true picture of the (Middle East) situation."

Sadat spoke highly of Carter, saying he was "an honest man with whom I am perfectly willing to cooperate." Sadat lamented as "a big loss" the departure of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, but he added that he was "told (Kissinger's successor-Cyrus) Vance also is a man of excellent calibre."

The Egyptian President expressed his confidence that the Americans would respond to the Arab diplomatic offensive, noting in the interview: "Believe me when I say that we stand on the threshold of a decisive, overall peace settlement."

Sadat accused Israel of attempting "to squirm out of the peace offensive," claiming that Prime Minister Rabin's recent resignation was "a manoeuvre in the first place" aimed at stalling the process of negotiations.

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Hard line also seen

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Lists new conditions

By THOMAS W. LIPPMAN
The Washington Post

CAIRO. — President Anwar Sadat listed new conditions on Wednesday for reconvening a Middle East peace conference and for reaching a settlement that could further complicate the already tangled negotiating process.

He said that Lebanon must be a full participant in any Geneva conference, that any Palestinian state must be formally linked with Jordan and that Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied in the 1967 war must be swift and complete, not phased over an extended time.

During much of an hour-long interview at his Nile-side retreat north of the capital, Sadat stressed his desire to reach a comprehensive regional peace settlement that would relieve both his country and Israel of a military burden that neither can afford and that would defuse a dangerous situation.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Possibly local rain in the morning. Partly cloudy later. Outlook for Shabbat: Partly cloudy.

Location	Yesterday's High-Low	Today's High-Low
Jerusalem	10-18	11-19
Golan	10-18	11-19
Nahariya	11-17	12-18
Safed	10-18	11-19
Tiberias	12-17	13-18
Nazareth	12-17	13-18
Afula	10-18	11-19
Shomron	10-18	11-19
Tel Aviv	10-18	11-19
B-G Airport	10-18	11-19
Jericho	10-18	11-19
Gaza	10-18	11-19
Beersheba	10-18	11-19
Shit	10-18	11-19
Tiran Straits	10-18	11-19

Social and Personal

The Prof. J.J. Finkelstein Memorial Library in Assyriology was dedicated yesterday in the archaeology building at the Hebrew University campus on Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem. Among those attending were Prof. Benjamin Mazar, Prof. Philip Finkelstein of New York, family and colleagues.

A bingo-party for the benefit of local welfare institutions was held at the residence of Ana Victoria de Ortiz, wife of the Panamanian Ambassador and doyen of the Diplomatic Corps. The gathering was attended by members of the Circle of Diplomats' Wives in Jerusalem and their Israeli friends.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held tonight at Hechal Sholomo in Jerusalem at 8 p.m. Speakers will be Rabbi Dr. S. M. Lehman and Issachar Ben-Ya'acov, political adviser to the Municipality of Jerusalem. Cantor Arye Goldberg will lead the singing of Zimrot. A Melave Malka programme will be held tomorrow at the same place at 8.00 p.m. with Rabbi David Teimer as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lender will give a recital. The public is invited to both occasions. (Communicated)

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 8.30 p.m. tonight at Hechal Sholomo, 8 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Rabbi Yehuda Anshecher, community leader, and Israel Tshlitz, editor and writer. (Communicated)

BIETES
GOTTILIEB — To Shelley and Isaac Gottlieb, a son, brother to Ariella and Avinoam, in Jerusalem, on December 30, 1976.

SAGHER — To Dr. Uri and Daphna Sagher, a daughter, grand-daughter to Prof. Felix and Ruth Sagher and Dana and Alexander Zivelli

ARRIVALS
Alina Kaplan, executive director of Hadasah, from New York, for Hadasah consultations.
Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, chairman of the executive committee of Long Island for Shema Israel Bonds, on his first visit, leading a group from the Jewish Centre of New Garden Hills, New York.

TRACK STAR Esther Roth, the only Israeli athlete to reach an Olympic final, was yesterday named as Israel's Sportsman of the Year by Israel Radio's sports staff. The radio reporters also voted Rumanian gymnastics sensation Nadia Comaneci as Sportsman of the World, Franz Beckenbauer of West Germany as Footballer of the World, and Jerusalem Betar star Uri Malkin as Israeli Footballer of the Year.

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We mourn the death of

DAVID SLOBODKIN

One-time director of ORT in Poland
Honorary Member of the Central Board of World ORT Union who passed away in Paris.

We extend condolences to the family.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of my dear husband, our father, grandfather

MOSHE WEISSBERGER

The funeral will take place today, Friday, December 31, 1976, leaving from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv, at 12.30 p.m. for the Holon cemetery. A bus will be available for those attending.

The Bereaved Family

The International Cultural Centre for Youth announces in deep sorrow the untimely death in a road accident of its Director

ABRAHAM YEKEL

and expresses deepest sympathies to his widow and children.

The funeral will leave today, Friday, Dec. 31, 1976, at 12 noon, from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour for the Mount of Olives, Jerusalem.

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of

RUTH LOWN

The funeral procession will depart from her home at 14 Rehov Aluf Simhon at 11 a.m. today, December 31, for the Beit Shimon Cemetery. Husband, Jacob. Daughters, Judy and Linda.

Hospitals to be paralysed for 2 days from Sunday

Jerusalem Post Staff
The country's hospitals will be effectively paralysed on Sunday as the non-medical hospital staff start a two-day strike to back their demands for higher pay, Israel Radio reported yesterday.

The chairman of the non-medical staff committee said the decision to strike was taken after the Health Ministry refused to negotiate their pay demands. The strike will paralyse the hospitals since the non-medical staff includes all the administrative workers, laundrymen, drivers, sanitation workers and others.

Health Ministry spokesman Devora Ganani said that, since the hospital staff did not agree to the Ministry's proposed plan to solve the dispute, she supposed the matter would be brought before the arbitration body the Histadrut is soon to raise. She said she hoped the strikers would leave emergency teams on duty so the hospitals would not be completely paralysed.

Egged strike averted as no-fault terms agreed on

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Egged and the Zur Insurance company have agreed on payment terms for the second instalment of the bus cooperative's premium under the new no-fault insurance law.

Representatives of Egged, Zur, the Transport Ministry and Avner, the roof insurance organization set up to handle most of the no-fault coverage, met yesterday to find acceptable payment terms.

The first instalment was paid out of the standing government subsidy to Egged over a month ago. It amounted to IL25m.

Radio editors in job action

Jerusalem Post Reporter
News programmes on Israel Radio were broadcast in an abbreviated form yesterday as newsroom editors protested what they described as the near collapse of the radio's news-gathering organization.

Editors and sub-editors charged that conditions were approaching chaos because of the lack of competent direction. They said there is no one to assign reporters, and the desk staff have to run down even the most important stories by telephone.

Other shortcomings in the radio news, the editors claim, include the absence of duty reporters at night for coverage of special spot news and emergencies, failure to hold meetings to discuss problems and organization and lack of any direction for the news desk.

Meanwhile, the sanctions of the Broadcasting Authority continued yesterday, causing disruption in live programmes both on radio and television.

The administrative workers are demanding that their salaries be based on a special scale.

No film here on Jesus' sex life

Jerusalem Post Staff
Controversial Danish film director Jens Jorgen Thorsen wants to make his film on the life of Jesus in Israel. Thorsen has already been refused permission to make the film in Denmark, West Germany, France and England, following reports that in his script Jesus is depicted as having a full and unusually varied sex life.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said on Wednesday that Thorsen would be welcome to visit Israel as a tourist, like any other Dane. But he would not be allowed to make the film here.

Foreign Min. posts

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Daniel Laor, former ambassador in Manila, has been appointed director of the Foreign Ministry's Department for UN Affairs No. 2 (dealing with the Security Council and General Assembly); and Yoel Baroni, director of the UN Department No. 1 (for UN agencies). Baroni moves over from Department No. 2.

Appeal for Mrs. Bloch
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — An appeal to President Idi Amin of Uganda to hand over the body of Mrs. Dora Bloch for burial in her homeland was made by her sons yesterday through Greville Janner, MP.

Janner reported that the sons know the exact location of the grave, and that there should be no difficulty in identifying the body so as to have it returned to the Bloch family for decent burial.

The Bloch family also know three persons who were present at the burial of their murdered mother on a Wednesday, after the Entebbe rescue operation. Moreover, the sons know the name of the murderer, "and have reason to believe that Amin is also aware of his identity," Janner said.

He quoted from a letter he received from Foreign Office Minister of State Edward Rowlands that the Ugandan "Inquiry" into Mrs. Bloch's death produced a "whitewash report," representing a studious effort to conceal the culprits.

Dr. SALO JONAS

there will be a memorial service at the old cemetery (Ben Zion Quarter) in Netanya, on Monday, January 3, 1976, at 3 p.m.

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Leaders of the Christian communities in Israel gathered yesterday at Beit Hanassi for President Ephraim Katzir's new year reception. Premier Rabin was there as acting Religious Affairs Minister.

Mrs. Halpern finds her children

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A two-year search by a Connecticut housewife, Roberta Halpern, 35, for her three children ended finally last week when the four were tearfully reunited in a Beersheba hotel room.

Two years ago the children, Barrie Denise (13½), Joseph Daron (nine), and Nicole Danielle (seven), were in the temporary custody of their mother, pending a divorce.

Her husband, David, 38, who had been granted visiting rights, took the children in May 1974 and disappeared.

Following the disappearance of her children, Mrs. Halpern received varying reports saying that they were in Florida, Switzerland, Greece and Italy. Then indications began cropping up that David Halpern had taken them to Israel.

In August 1974 she received a letter from the Aliya Centre in New York informing her that her ex-husband and the children had sought assistance for settling in Israel from the Jewish Agency in Geneva.

In April 1975, a letter from the American Embassy in Israel informed her that her children and ex-husband were living in Beersheba.

Last month, she finally got her ex-husband's exact Beersheba address.

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Coffee soars, thieves active
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The soaring price of coffee has given the commodity a scarcity value that thieves are beginning to exploit.

Police reported two thefts of coffee on Wednesday night. In Jaffa, thieves entered a grocery store at 18 Shen Ari and removed 18 kgs. of regular coffee and 48 large cans of instant coffee.

That same evening burglars broke into a coffee-bean roasting plant in Rehov Rival in Tel Aviv, making off with 225 kgs. of coffee worth approximately IL13,500.

Tel Aviv hoopsters win Europa '77
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi took first place in the Europa '77 basketball championship when it beat the Allentown Jets 84-80 at the Yad Eliahu Sports Palace last night.

Both teams played exciting basketball, especially under the basket, where the tall men struggled for rebounds. Aulcie Perry pivot man for the Israelis, scored 21 points and played very well under the basket.

Major Jones and Mike Jackson played best for the U.S. team, which lost the game possibly only because of the fatigue of playing three games in a row.

New York firm says: 'Ill-fated deal with Flatto was sealed with handshake'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
NEW YORK. — "Samuel Flatto (Sharon) was well recommended and with a fine business reputation," said a spokesman for a New York architectural firm that is now claiming close to \$20m. in damages from Flatto for breach of trust in connection with the purchase of the Royal Manhattan Hotel here.

The suit was filed last June by Greenfield, Sommer and Associates. Along with Flatto, it lists as defendants Rabbi Mordechai Elefant of Riri in Jerusalem, and Nathan Cyperstein, Joseph Ramari and a Mr. Flaks of New York.

A "New York Times" story last July named Cyperstein as Flatto's legal counsel here and Ramari as an Israeli construction man involved in renovating the hotel.

There was no written contract between the partners, the spokesman told The Jerusalem Post here yesterday. "Various statements were made how under Jewish law a handshake means more than anything else," he explained. In addition, he said, the firm had wished to move quickly on finalizing purchase of the hotel.

This was due to take place only a few weeks after the handshake.

But before that period elapsed, he alleged, Flatto and his associates proceeded to buy the hotel themselves.

The boarded-up Royal Manhattan is located on a seedy midtown street bordering on the theatre district, but there are hopes the area will be upgraded.

It was only Greenfield, Sommer's technical and financial planning that made the project a lucrative one, the spokesman claimed.

Flatto reportedly negotiated the deal by paying more than the \$750,000 to a million dollars offered by Greenfield and concluded the deal within a week.

The suit cites fraud, breach of partnership and trust, and misappropriation of a partnership opportunity.

Washington

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that there was a difference of opinion in the Jewish "community," not among the "leadership." Jewish leaders here insisted that only "fringe" groups, like Breira, supported such contacts, while the organized leadership has unanimously opposed them.

American and Israeli sources here, meanwhile, said that the other conditions made by Sadat in "The Washington Post" interview seemed designed largely as a smokescreen to cover up his "moderate" remarks on a West Bank-Jordan connection.

The sources said that Sadat wanted to appear to be "tough" by making the other statements, but they in fact did not represent any new departure from previous Egyptian stands. For example, the sources said that Israel would not oppose Lebanese participation at the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

In the interview, Sadat said that Lebanon should be a full participant at Geneva.

Observers here said that Sadat's retreat on the West Bank issue could open the way for a reconvened Geneva conference, which would include Palestinian representation within the Jordanian delegation. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin acknowledged earlier this month that his government would not oppose such a limited Palestinian representation at Geneva. Israel and the U.S. oppose a PLO presence at Geneva.

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JOHN DAVID

MKs call on the President

Jerusalem Post Reporter
President Ephraim Katzir last night completed his formal duties with delegations of MKs according to set factions, to hear their recommendations for inviting the formation of a new government.

The three factions calling on Katzir yesterday were Knesset members from the Arab faction represented by Jaber Muzadi and Seif al-Zuhbi; independent Binyamin Levy; and Moked represented by Meir Pe'li.

Knesset members supported advanced elections, with a continuation of the present Government, the meaning of the meeting.

Hallevy, a former High Court Justice, told the President that he requires him to ask a member of Knesset to form a government as soon as possible, even without House passing special legislation along these lines. As for his presence, Hallevy suggested the formation of a government on the month of the Alignment.

Pe'li, who was the last to go with the President, last night favours dissolution of the Knesset and holding general elections mid-April. His personal choice is a delegate to form a government, the former Histadrut chief.

He also asked the President grant agency to Yehoshua Peretz (see separate item, this page).

Citizens Rights group disbands to join Yadin

TEL AVIV. — The Centre Movement for Citizens Rights is disbanding to allow its members to join the new, formed Democratic Movement, which is headed by Yehoshua Peretz.

This was announced at a press conference, here yesterday by Yehoshua Peretz, leader of the Centre Movement's leader, Ram Ron.

He said his movement, in its desire to help form a large-centre-liberal political force, had accepted the DMC's condition that it would not accept new members on an individual basis only.

It was a founder, together with Yehoshua Peretz, of the Citizens Rights Movement in 1974. But he did not follow Aloni into the leftist Yachad and last March decided to change his group's name to the Centre Movement for Citizens Rights after Aloni left Yachad to return to the CRM.

Welcoming Ron's move, Yoram Alster of the DMC secretariat stressed that the DMC would not hold personal and secret, internal elections in February, and would recognize no factions in its midst.

Dockers ask Katzir to cancel Peretz' sentence

ASHDOD. — More than 800 Ashdod port workers have appealed to President Ephraim Katzir to cancel the two-month prison sentence of Yehoshua Peretz.

Peretz is due to start serving his sentence on Sunday. He was sentenced for closing down Ashdod's port after a border policeman asked him for identification at the port's gate.

In their appeal for clemency the workers say: "We workers of the Ashdod Port apologize, along with testimony, for the closing of the port during the hasty act of closing the port gates." A member of the foremen's committee said that Peretz, who was barred by the Histadrut from running for the port union's elections, is still considered a major labour leader by many port workers.

It was learned that Peretz may not serve his sentence in jail. He was ordered to work in menial jobs in police stations while sleeping at home. Peretz may be allowed to serve his sentence this way.

Rugby trial: kibbutzim v. 'rest of Israel'

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The combined kibbutzim will meet "the rest of Israel" tomorrow in the first rugby trial for next week's visit of Cape Town University. Kibbutzim is at 1 p.m.

The South African varsity champions play the kibbutzim at Tel Aviv's Beit Shimon stadium in the first of their four-game tour.

Immediately following the trial the Israel Rugby Football Union selection committee will name Tel Aviv University's Invitation XV as the Combined Universities' team to meet Cape Town. The kibbutzim was chosen last weekend.

The South Africans, who are due on Sunday, wind up their tour with a "Test" match against Israel January 15.

To Mrs. Rahel Ann Lehar-Pahom 440 Davis Court 518 San Francisco 94111 U.S.A.

I, the undersigned, Mohamed Taki Din Fahom of Nazareth, call on you to comply with the terms of our marriage certificate and return to our conjugal home; within one month of the publication of this notice. This is the last notice that will be published in this effect.

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JOHN DAVID

GB crackdown continues after Jewish symposium

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Several small-scale arrests in the home of Lenina Aviv, a Jewish activist, continued last night, according to reliable sources. The Jewish Post reported that Aviv had been taken into custody and was charged with possession of illegal weapons. The 35-year-old Aviv, who is a member of a local team where he practised shooting, he possessed no gun from which to fire them. He was convicted, he faces up to five years in prison.

The fact that the authorities only arrested Aviv, and not his wife, is now, although the "incriminating" evidence against Aviv is seen as another indication of the changing of attitudes towards ally Jewish circles since the Russian Revolution, according to the Jewish Post symposium on Jewish culture in the month.

The Soviets have been refusing for

Int'l pressure sought for release of Salensky

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Moscow Jewish activists are urging worldwide pressure on the Soviet authorities not to let Prof. Nahum Salensky, the author of the Vilna activists, the Soviet Union, be released from the USSR.

Rabbi Nachum L. Rabinovitch, a Canadian rabbi, who is a member of the Jewish Post symposium on Jewish culture, said that he had written to the Soviet authorities, asking them to release Salensky, who is a member of the Vilna activists, the Soviet Union, be released from the USSR.

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Dissident poet exiled on slander charge

LENINGRAD. — Dissident poetess Yuliya Voznesenskaya was sentenced to five years in Soviet prison yesterday on charges of "slandering the Soviet system," according to sources.

Voznesenskaya, 38 and a mother of two, was arrested last week and charged with "dissemination of publications slandering the Soviet system."

She could have received up to three years in prison, but because of her children, the court decided to send her into exile in the Soviet Union for five years, the sources said.

They said the two-day trial produced only one prosecution witness, who changed his testimony in favour of Voznesenskaya during the trial; the court did not take his testimony into consideration.

Dissident sources said the poetess tried to continue her hunger strike now in its 11th day — until she could return to her native Leningrad, but not many.


Almogi too sick for Wizo seminar

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Yosef Almogi, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, is not attending Wizo's active citizenship seminar on Sunday, as planned. The question of Almogi's attendance, which had been planned on the agenda, took on new interest after Wizo president Raya Jaglom sacked Almogi in a newspaper interview, saying he was unsuited for his job.

When asked why Almogi would not appear, Wizo officials suggested that the question be put to Almogi. His spokesman, however, claimed Almogi has been suffering from influenza for the past few days. "We had to cancel all his appointments because he is still running a high fever, and you can't play around with the flu," the spokesman said.

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TAKING OVER — The outgoing Police Inspector-General, Rav-Nitzav Shaul Rosolio, (front) yesterday handed over his office to his successor, Rav-Nitzav Haim Tabori. Police Minister Shlomo Hillel lauded Rosolio, who is retiring from the police after 25 years of service, for his leadership during the force's most difficult years, which included the Yom Kippur War and a wave of terrorist onslaughts inside the country. The ceremony took place at National Police Headquarters in Jerusalem. (Rabamim Yisraeli)

Police grab protection gang

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The police announced yesterday that they had arrested a gang suspected of intimidating prosecution witnesses in protection trials. The suspected lawbreakers were said to have been caught "red-handed."

Local police spokesman Sgan-Nitzav Avraham Tzameret told The Jerusalem Post that a group composed of three "hefty men" and two young women were arrested as they were ushering a witness into a car outside his Kiryat Ata apartment. They had allegedly "persuaded" him to accompany them to a lawyer and make a sworn statement denying an incriminating statement he had made to the police, which was to be presented as evidence in court.

Sgan-Nitzav Tzameret said the girls apparently served as "cover" for the gang's operation. He said the practice of intimidating extor-

Cities can't balance budgets: 'There's no one to talk to'

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Government is not the only agency whose fiscal policy has been paralyzed by the recent political upheavals. It is the cities, too, that are in a state of financial paralysis, according to sources told The Jerusalem Post.

One result of the crisis is the indefinite postponement of a union executive meeting scheduled for this week at which a final decision on hiking local tax rates was to have been made.

As things stand now, the sources said, "there is simply no one to talk to in the Government. There is no Minister of the Interior, and the Finance Minister is preoccupied with pre-election in-fighting and party politics."

Legally, the cities are free to hike rates, and the Union of Local Authorities executive had already agreed in principle a fortnight ago to recommend that rates be raised as of April 1. In practice, however, the cities cannot act independently of Government fiscal policy, since they are dependent on Government allocations to cover their deficits. Even the proposed rates hike will not, according to Union estimates, funnel sufficient funds into municipal coffers to enable the cities to get out of the red.

To make matters worse, the cities thus far have no idea how much they can expect this year in Government allocations. Therefore they can neither decide the exact rate of the tax hike nor can they draw up their budgets.

The root of the problem this year lies in the failure of the Treasury and the Interior Ministry to agree on how much money the cities would need during the 1977/78 fiscal year.

Two robbers steal pensioner's savings

TEL AVIV. — Two robbers stole an old man's IL13,500 savings in Tel Aviv on Wednesday night, police said yesterday.

Avraham Rahamin, 70, from Rehov Yeheli in Tel Aviv's Shabazim quarter, was watching television late at night when two men walked into his unlocked flat. They hit him on the head with a pistol butt, beat him up and found the spot where he kept his life savings. Rahamin started to shout, and the two men ran away.

Police are investigating. (Htm)

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Sadat links Palestine to Jordan

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for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories.

But when Sadat got down to details it became clear that at the very least there is a long delicate period of bargaining ahead before any settlement acceptable to all parties can be reached — not just between the Arabs and Israel but among the Arabs themselves. On some points his position appears to have hardened since his meetings last week with President Hafez Assad of Syria.

The U.S. and Israel have called for resuming the Geneva conference with the original participants of 1973 — themselves, Egypt, Jordan, Syria and the Soviet Union. The Arab League has long insisted that the Palestine Liberation Organization be represented as well, but on Wednesday Sadat added a new twist. He said he would "insist" that Lebanon also attend as "an equal partner."

Lebanon signed an armistice with Israel in 1949 and ever since has avoided both direct conflict and participation in peace negotiations. But Sadat said that Lebanon, which is now under Syrian military occupation, is a "confrontation state" that would have to be included in any comprehensive settlement to be reached.

He said President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon agreed with him.

Sadat and other Arab leaders have called for the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, once these lands are yielded by Israel. The idea that this state should be formally linked to Jordan will be welcome to the Israelis, but is sure to be unpalatable to many Palestinian leaders. They have been bitter foes of King Hussein since his army crushed the PLO in Jordan's "Black September" of 1970. The PLO has been accepted as a full member of the Arab League, and Palestinian leaders are unlikely to accept willingly any limitations on the full independence they hope to achieve.

Sadat said he and Assad had not discussed what kind of Palestinian state should be created or who should run it.

But he said that after a meeting with King Hussein in 1974 — the year in which the Arab nations formally stripped Hussein of any claim to the West Bank — "we issued a declaration and I was attacked vehemently by the Palestinians at that time. At that time and still is that a certain relation between the Palestinians and Jordan should be declared to take place whenever the Palestinian state is created." He said it could take the form of a confederation or "whatever model they agree on between them."

Before his conference with Assad, Sadat had been suggesting publicly that the Arabs might be willing to accept a peace agreement in which Israel would agree in principle to withdraw from the occupied territories, but the pullout would be phased over an extended time. On Wednesday he ruled that out.

"We shouldn't say that Israel will evacuate the land in two or three years. No. That is wrong. They should evacuate in a suitable time," he said.

After occupying the Sinai in the Suez war of 1956, he said, the Israelis pulled out in two or three months, and they can now follow their own example.

Sadat said Resolution 242 imposes obligations on both the Arabs and the Israelis. If both sides commit themselves at Geneva to carrying out those obligations, he said, "the result will be this. We are asking for a peace agreement all signed and declared officially all over the world... If we want to reach a genuine permanent peace, Israel should withdraw from the land and this should be stated in the peace agreement, and give Israel whatever guarantees she wants. We shall not oppose this. To the extent of a defence pact with the United States, I shall not oppose it."

Any arrangement demanding the Israeli supervision, great-power guarantees would be acceptable to him, he said. What the settlement must include, he said, is recognition of the Palestinians' right to a homeland and a complete pullout of Israeli troops from all territories including East Jerusalem. The Israelis have annexed East Jerusalem to their country and have said its status is not negotiable but Sadat, without elaborating, said he thought it was open to discussion.

Sadat did not say that all his views on a peace agreement are shared by Assad. "What I'm telling you is my view," he said, and Assad has the right to disagree.

Last week's Egyptian-Syrian communiqué, in which the two nations agreed on the creation of a "united political command" was not intended to lead to an actual merger or to silence the individual voice of either leader, he said.

Its purpose, he said, was to show that "Arab solidarity is very solid and will continue to be very solid," and that "we are genuinely preparing for the Geneva conference."

He said he and Assad, who were feuding bitterly just three months ago, had now turned on strategy, only on tactics, and are now "working in harmony."

The outlines of the Arabs' appeal to the U.S. for action to break the Middle East diplomatic impasse were agreed upon at the October summit conference, where King Khalid of Saudi Arabia brought Sadat and Assad together after their long estrangement. But Sadat said on Wednesday that he had no promise or commitment from Saudi Arabia to use its immense oil power to promote this course of action.

Saudi Arabia's refusal to go along with the 15 per cent price increase for next year adopted by 11 other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — an action for which the Saudis said they expect a show of American "appreciation" — was described by Sadat as "a master coup."

But he said the Saudis acted "of their own free will and without any interference from anybody." The possibility that Saudi Arabia would impose a new oil embargo or a hefty price increase to punish the U.S. if there is no action on the Middle East diplomatic front, was never discussed in his meetings with King Khalid, he said.

"But if some time the peace process proves to be a failure, then it is for all my Arab colleagues to decide for themselves. I shall be putting the facts before them and after that everyone has to make his own decision," he said.

Parents, officials adamant in Jerusalem school strike

Jerusalem Post Education Correspondent

Knesset Education Committee chairman Yehuda Katz and Education Minister Director-General Eliezer Shmueli are to meet this morning to discuss the sixth-grade stay-home strike at Jerusalem's nine state religious schools.

Originally Katz had convened a meeting of all concerned for Sunday morning. Shmueli, however, said he would not sit with the parents as long as they continued to keep their children home from school; and the head of the Municipal Education Department, Deputy Mayor Yosef Gadish, said he would not come without Shmueli.

The strike began at the Yehuda Halevi school in the Katamon quarter when the Hanukkah vacation ended last Sunday. Seven more schools joined the strike, "in sympathy," on Wednesday, and the Paula Ben-Gurion school is scheduled to join today.

The immediate cause of the strike is the demand of the Yehuda Halevi parents that the school's seventh and eighth grades be restored. They were discontinued when the integration programme's intermediate division was set up, leaving it the Capital's only state religious school without these grades — in spite of the fact that, according to the parents, integration was working successfully there.

The more general cause of the strike is the parents' objection to being assigned to an intermediate division (junior high school) with the nearby Halevi school, 91 per cent of whose pupils are classified as disadvantaged. Yehuda Halevi already has 44 per cent such children, and the municipal education authorities say that an optimal ratio of disadvantaged to high-level pupils is 40:60.

Furthermore, the parents at all of Jerusalem's state religious schools consider themselves discriminated against in that their schools may accept children only from their respective school districts and must accept all such applicants, while the semi-private but "recognised" Noam and Horev schools may accept children from all parts of the city and are free to accept whom-ever they choose.

Shmueli could not be reached for comment yesterday. The ministry spokesman, however, issued a statement condemning the parents for "using their children to conduct a struggle that has no social or educational justification." The statement repeated the offer Shmueli had made on Tuesday and again condemned the parents for striking, "instead of conducting further useful discussions towards the implementation of" his proposal, "which in any case could not be carried out before the 1977/78 school year."

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Spanish Communist ZUPO wants leaders released seat at Geneva talks

MADRID. — Santiago Carrillo, detained secretary-general of the Spanish Communist Party, was set free on bail of 300,000 pesetas (IL44,000) yesterday.

The 62-year-old Carrillo was freed with seven other senior members of the party arrested with him last week.

The eight were being held on charges of illegal association, which carries a maximum sentence of six years' imprisonment.

During the eight days since the arrests, the Communists have mounted a "free Carrillo" campaign of protests and street demonstrations.

The arrests caused an outcry of protest in a number of European countries, especially Italy and France, and raised questions about Premier Adolfo Suarez's pledge to make Spain a democracy.

There were also nationwide demonstrations by groups who battled police in many Spanish cities, and

riot police on Wednesday night fought running battles in central Madrid with crowds demonstrating against the detentions.

Government sources said the court decision on the case had nothing to do with the pressure both at home and abroad. "Justice in Spain is fully independent from the government and decisions are up to judges, not to members of the government," the sources said.

"Political sources hoped the decision to free the Communist leaders might influence the fate of kidnapped Royal Adviser Antonio Maria de Oriol. His abductors, a radical leftist band, said the former Minister of Justice and member of King Juan Carlos' Council of the Realm will be executed by midnight January 2 if the government refused their demands to grant amnesty for all Spanish political prisoners."

(Reuters, AP)

Refugees fleeing from Angola

SALISBURY. — Leaders of Rhodesia's new black political party, the Zimbabwe United Peoples' Organisation (ZUPO), announced yesterday they would seek a seat at the Geneva talks on Rhodesia's political future.

The two party leaders, Senator Chief Jeremiah Chirwa and Kayira Ndlovu, who quit their posts in the Rhodesian cabinet on Wednesday, told a news conference that ZUPO would have a more moderate political attitude than the other four black nationalist movements now at Geneva.

It is unclear to what extent official agencies of the white government helped to bring the new party into being. Its stated ideology does not conflict with Smith's policy of encouraging traditional chiefs to head Rhodesia's blacks.

(AP)

Army said to have put end to 'chaos' in Paoting

HONGKONG. — Chinese troops have put an end to "great chaos" spread by supporters of the purged widow of Mao Tse-tung in the city of Paoting, about 160 kms southwest of Peking, according to official and foreign news reports from China.

The reports said there were bombings and armed raids by the rebels in the city, but didn't make clear when these anti-government disturbances occurred.

A December 20 issue of Peking's "People's Daily" newspaper obtained here said the armed bands in Paoting had been "threatening the security of Peking so that they could usurp the party power" and were suppressed by army troops.

A Heping provincial radio report quoted by the London "Daily Telegraph" said it took a "concerted effort" by the army to restore order after a long period of "confusion" in the city, which is the provincial

capital. The "Telegraph's" Peking correspondent, Nigel Wade, noted that foreign travellers had reported as early as last spring that radical opponents of the Heping provincial leadership in Paoting had broken into an armoury, blown up factories and committed murder, rape and robbery.

Violence and factional fighting have now been reported from more than a dozen of China's 29 provinces.

Officially Chinese authorities have admitted to a long-standing law and order problem in Paoting and elsewhere in Heping province.

The task of cleaning up Paoting is now in the hands of the army, although the military has apparently not taken over the provincial administration as it was directed to do in Fukien, the troublesome coastal province facing Taiwan.

(AP, UPI)

Elizabeth's New Year's Honours

LONDON. — The militant president of one of Britain's toughest trade unions received a knighthood today in the annual New Year's Honours List, becoming Sir Daniel McGarvey, head of the 130,000-member Boilermakers' Union.

From the other end of Britain's social spectrum, Norman Hartnell, dressmaker to Queen Elizabeth II, was named Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order — a personal knighthood from the Queen.

The honours were widely spread among sport, business, journalism and science.

Peter Wakefield, British Ambassador who proposed a toast to Queen Elizabeth on the balcony of his Beirut residence while a battle raged in the city last July, was knighted.

Most of the New Year honours, as is the custom, are conferred by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister, currently Labour's James Callaghan, but the Order of the Garter, the Order of the Thistle, the Order of Merit and the Royal Victorian Order are at the Queen's

personal discretion.

Fred Titmus, one of the greatest all-round cricketers of modern times, who went on playing after losing four toes in a boating accident, also was made an MBE. Titmus, who scored more than 20,000 runs and took 2,700 wickets in a career that included 53 test matches for England, played for Middlesex for 28 seasons.

Lancelot Victor Dawson, who holds the ancient title of Yeoman Bed Hanger, was honoured by the Queen with the Gold Royal Victorian Medal. His is one of the ranks of the Queen's Bodyguard — the title dates from the time when the Yeomen of the Guard were personally responsible for the sovereign's comfort while travelling the realm.

Samuel Twining, ninth generation member of the Twining tea merchants family, who says he drinks 12 cups of tea each day, was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for his services to exports.

(AP)

Locusts attack

ADELAIDE. — Swarms of Locusts descended on the city of Adelaide yesterday, devouring garden crops in northern suburbs as residents looked on helplessly from behind closed windows.

The locusts, swept from Australia's interior by hot, northwesterly winds, have been eating their way south and east to the coast through lush farmland and wine-growing districts.

(Reuters)

SANTIAGO. — Lynne Cox of the U.S. has become the first person ever to swim the icy Straits of Magellan.

Chilean National Radio reported yesterday that Miss Cox, 19, a student at the University of California-Santa Barbara, swam the straits which range from four to six kms in width, on Wednesday in 1 hour, 2 minutes.

(AP)

Rape investigation

NORFOLK, Virginia. — The U.S. Navy reportedly is checking allegations that an American sailor raped a 90-year-old Gypsy woman in Rota, Spain.

A Navy spokesman declined to comment on the incident except to say that it is currently under investigation.

(AP)

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become paralysed and it cannot swallow. Often the larynx is affected, resulting in a change in voice. The animal gradually undergoes progressive paralysis and dies. The rabid dog cannot distinguish between friend and foe. In its furious stage, it will attack its master as readily as a stranger. The brain is diseased and the emotional centres are affected. Death will usually occur within 10 days after the onset of symptoms.

5. Do rabid dogs walk only in a straight line in the final stages? No. The dog's brain is affected and his behaviour is irrational and unpredictable. He is no more likely to walk in a straight line than in a crooked one.

6. Why aren't we as concerned about rabid cats as rabid dogs?

We are as concerned about rabid cats as rabid dogs. As a matter of fact, a rabid cat is frequently more dangerous than a rabid dog. However, because of the particularly close association of dogs with man, urban rabies is more likely to spread through the community from dog to dog and from dog to man. Experience has taught us that rabies control in dogs is the key to community protection.

7. What should one do if bitten?

First, take note of the biting animal and if possible arrange for his identification and capture. Second, flush the wound with copious amounts of soapy water. Third, see a physician.

Fourth, see that the incident is reported to the local health officer and municipal veterinarian.

8. Are anti-rabies shots painful? I am not sure that painful is the right word. They are certainly uncomfortable both because of the number of inoculations required (14 to 23) and because of the materials used in the vaccines. However, when one considers the nature of the disease they prevent, it is a small price for the protection.

9. How dangerous are they?

This varies with the vaccine used. In general, vaccines made from adult animal brain tissue are more dangerous, but they are more potent. Health authorities in rabies areas such as Israel sometimes elect to use the stronger vaccine although it might occasionally produce a serious post-vaccinal reaction (in 1974 Israel reported serious reaction in 457 treatments). There are safe vaccines which have only rarely given a systematic reaction and the general trend in the world has been to utilize these safer vaccines. We are now on the verge of obtaining a new range of cleaner, safer and more potent vaccines that may enable us to lower the number of inoculations without risk and without pain, but we must await final tests and approval before they are made available in Israel.

10. What are the chances of contracting rabies if bitten by a rabid animal and not treated?

This depends on the nature of the bite. A deep penetrating wound is more serious than a superficial one. A bite of the face, neck or head is more serious than a bite of the trunk or limbs. A bite through clothing is less dangerous than a bite of the naked flesh. Not every rabies-infected animal may have rabies in its saliva when it attacks. However, if the wound is not treated the global experience has been that about 15 per cent of those exposed will die. This will vary from up to 80 per cent in the case of multiple bites of the head to 10 per cent for superficial wounds of other parts of the body.

11. What are the chances of surviving if you do contract rabies?

Rabies is an incurable disease. Once signs of the disease appear, death is inevitable. To date only one proven case is known to have survived the disease. We treat rabies by trying to prevent its emergence through the use of a vaccine after exposure. But once signs appear there is little that one can do.

12. What are the chances of getting rabies if one is inoculated?

If one starts inoculations early — within 48 hours of exposure — the chances are excellent that one will not succumb to the disease. Occasionally even this has proved inadequate, but this is an exceedingly rare event.

13. Can a human pass rabies on?

Yes. But only by biting or kissing, since the virus will be present in the saliva of the rabid human patient as in the rabid animal.

14. What is rabies?

Rabies is an infectious disease caused by a virus. It affects the brain and nervous system of all warm-blooded animals, leading inevitably to death.

ALL ABOUT RABIES

15. In Israel, how is rabies generally transmitted?

It is generally passed through the bite of an infected dog or fox. In the past jackals were the chief wildlife reservoir of this disease — spilling over from time to time to dogs and man. But more recently, after the virtual elimination of the jackal population in Israel in the 1950s, rabies has reappeared in the fox population and this has been, along with the stray dog, the chief source of exposure to man in Israel today. We have had no report of bat rabies in Israel.

16. How long does it take for an animal or human to develop the disease once they are bitten?

The incubation period varies and may be extremely long. In dogs the average incubation period may be 3-8 weeks, but it may vary from 10 days to six months or more. Some animals have been reported with an incubation period of up to one year but this is extremely rare. In man the average incubation periods have varied from 10 days to over 8 months.

17. Did rabies exist in antiquity?

Yes. In Hammurabi's Code of the 23rd Century BC we read: "If a dog is mad and the authorities have caught the fact to the knowledge of its owner, if he does not keep it in, if it bites a man and causes his death, then the owner shall pay two-thirds of a mina (40 shekels) of silver. If it bites a slave and causes his death he shall pay 15 shekels of silver." The disease was accurately described by Aristotle in the 4th Century BC who wrote: "Dogs suffer from madness which puts them in a state of fury and all animals which they bite when in this condition become also attacked with madness." Celsus in the 1st Century AD wrote: "The Greeks call it hydrophobia, a most wretched disease in which the sick person is tormented at the same time with thirst and the fear of water, and in which there is but little hope."

18. What happens to a human who contracts rabies?

The early signs are an illness lasting 2 to 4 days with headache, fever, vomiting, nervousness and irritability. There will be a tingling or burning at the wound site. The patient becomes increasingly hypersensitive to light and noise. He then enters the excitement stage. He is thirsty but the act of swallowing produces a severe spasm of the throat muscles which is very painful. It is difficult for him to retain his saliva, he therefore drools and rejects offerings of water — hence hydrophobia. He becomes anxious, and exceedingly restless and agitated. Although his brain is affected, he is completely lucid and is aware of all that is happening to him. He may alternate these periods of manic agitation with comatose behaviour. Generally, he passes from the excitement stage and enters a stage of progressive paralysis, coma and death within 10 days.

19. When was rabies vaccine developed?

Pasteur in 1885 was the first to use a crude vaccine made from the spinal cords of rabbits which he dried for various periods from one to 14 days to "attenuate the virus." The classic "Pasteur treatment" consisted of using the vaccine dried for 14 days for the first inoculation and descending after 13 days to the last inoculation of material dried for only one day. Despite charges in the kind of vaccine used, he still called it the Pasteur treatment and frequently gave it in 14 inoculations to this day.

20. How do we attempt to control rabies in Israel and does this differ from the methods used in Europe and America?

A rabies control programme consists of five parts: the world over: (1) Registration of all owned dogs and elimination of strays. (2) Vaccination of all registered dogs. (3) Population control or elimination of infected wildlife. (4) Quarantine and observation of biting animals and those exposed to rabies. A dog or cat involved in a bite case should be quarantined and observed for 10 days. A dog which has been exposed and was unvaccinated should be destroyed or quarantined for 6 months. A dog which was properly vaccinated and is within the effective time of the vaccine and was then exposed to rabies, should be revaccinated and quarantined for 30 days.

(5) Public education to assure understanding and cooperation. The only difference in world programmes is the policy towards importation of pets. This varies from country to country depending on whether rabies is present or not.

21. How prevalent is rabies in Israel compared to Europe and the U.S.?

Rabies has been advancing steadily from Central Europe through Western Europe. The latest year for which we have complete information from the World Health Organization on Europe is 1974.

That year, Belgium reported 104 animal cases, Czechoslovakia 382, Federal Republic of Germany 4,336, France 2,561, East Germany 1,003, Turkey 128, the Soviet Union 1,782 (U.K., Norway, Italy and Denmark reported none). There were a total of 21 cases of human rabies reported for all of Europe, of which 12 were reported from Yugoslavia.

For 1974, Israel reported 12 cases in animals: seven in dogs, one in a cat and four in farm animals. A focus of rabies exists along the frontier between Israel and Syria. In 1975, 15 cases were reported, including a case in a fox in the Jordan Valley. There is now reason to believe, following a second case in 1976 on the outskirts of Jerusalem, that the disease has penetrated into this wildlife species in the Jordan Valley. There were no human deaths from rabies in Israel in 1974, although 457 people received the Pasteur treatment. In Lebanon there were five human deaths and 658 persons received the Pasteur treatment.

In 1974, 3,200 cases of rabies in animals were reported for the U.S. Of the cases 45 percent were in skunks. No human cases were reported, making it the first year on record that no human deaths from rabies were reported there. In 1975 there were three human deaths.

22. Is the degree of public concern in Israel at present justified?

Yes. If our suspicions are true that rabies has penetrated into our wildlife populations and is moving from its initial focus in the Golan area into other parts of Israel, we will soon see foot-popping up in various parts of the country, and only an alert and responsible population, cooperating with the authorities, will be able to contain its spread. Israel through the years has been relatively rabies-free due to the diligent action of its veterinary services both at the national and municipal levels, but we must recognize that our pet animal population has increased over the years, and only responsible collaboration between an informed public and the authorities can contain this disease.

23. Is it reasonable to expect all dogs to be kept on leash?

Yes. Until Israel is restored to a rabies-free area we have no choice.

24. How effective are anti-rabies shots given to dogs?

Very effective. But the vaccine used in Israel is only good for one year and the repeat vaccinations must be kept up.

25. Can cats get such shots?

Yes. The vaccine used in Israel is effective and safe for cats. It is not recommended usually to bring cats to a dog clinic, but special arrangements can and should be made to vaccinate pet cats.

26. Can a dog pass on rabies by licking or scratching?

Yes. A case was documented in the wild-life reservoirs of rabies, the Philippines, where rabies transmitted by an infected dog to a child by licking the child's face where there was a previous scratch. The saliva must penetrate through a scratch plus the infected saliva be a deadly combination.

27. Can't we vaccinate dogs as soon as they are bitten by a rabid animal?

We can, but we only employ with dogs who have previously received a vaccination. These dogs are given a repeat vaccination, guaranteed for 30 days and released. We do not attempt to revaccinate exposed dogs who have not been previously vaccinated. Rabies is more susceptible than measles and dog is more susceptible than man. The vaccine has shown that within years of its experience giving shots against exposure has not been sufficient to protect the animal. If the dog, usually desecrated prior to vaccination, receives a booster shot, it is not in one's best interest to produce a more rapid response. The dog in adequate time to put him in a state of getting rabies.

28. What is the purpose of animal quarantine?

The term quarantine comes from the Italian meaning 40 days. It was the precautionary measure taken by the Venetians in the 16th century against ships bringing plague from the Orient. It has been almost effectively used in rabies control in many parts of the world.

(1) To isolate an animal suspected of having rabies. If it has rabies it would certainly show other signs of illness within 10 days.

(2) For an animal bitten by a rabid animal, if it has been vaccinated it for 30 days, just in case the booster was given too late or failed to produce adequate protection. This sometimes happens when the incubation period is short.

(3) We can also use it for those dogs which were not vaccinated before they were exposed to the bite of a rabid animal. We would recommend destroying the animal to spare it from the potential horrors of clinical rabies and to protect the community from the possibility of a rabid animal. But if we can offer the owner an option — to place it under strict quarantine in a shelter for a period of 30 months. If it doesn't come down with rabies during that time, the likelihood is that it will not, although there are rare cases on record of a dog with latent incubation periods of up to 30 months.

29. Can the virus survive in the household environment outside of the animal of these hosts?

The virus is extremely fragile, delicate. It is rapidly destroyed by sunlight and exposure to air and drying soon renders it inert. Boiling or the use of ordinary disinfectants are effective in destroying it. Quarantary compounds are particularly sensitive to early effective in treating wounds.

Human infection from inanimate objects such as the dog's bedding or food and hair coat upon which it chewed have been reported.

30. How can we control the rabies disease in our wildlife?

If the disease is widespread in a particular species — as it was with jackals — we have no other recourse but to eliminate the species. If, however, it is not too widespread as in the species such as the fox, it may be possible to introduce an oral vaccine which will immunize the unvaccinated exposed foxes and allow the infected foxes to die out — hopefully without spreading the disease further. This method is being tried in various parts of the world in an effort to maintain the eco-system while eradicating the wild-life reservoirs of rabies.

U.S. arrests oil-spill captain

NEW YORK. — Pledging to put incompetent foreign operators "on notice," a U.S. Government attorney obtained the arrest of the captain of a Liberian-registered tanker that spilled 133,500 gallons of oil into the Delaware River south of Philadelphia.

The spillage, which has contaminated hundreds of water fowl, came after the Olympic Games ran aground while trying to dock at Marcus Lock, Pennsylvania.

The captain, V. Vilmas, was held on bail of \$50,000. The charges against him carry a maximum of two years in prison and a \$12,000 fine.

The Liberian Government announced earlier that its inquiry into the wreck of the Liberian-registered tanker Argo Merchant off the Massachusetts coast two weeks ago would be headed by former U.S. Federal District Judge Lawrence Walsh.

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TELEVIEW / Philip Gallon

Scott Fitzgerald's last days

ANY FILMS that we have seen in recent years have been as poignant as Scott Fitzgerald in Hollywood, a portrait of the life of a man of great talent and sensitivity who died of the terrible disease of alcoholism.

Charles Lamb wrote about "the early glass" being part of any artist's life, and one of the aspects of the Jewish religion is that it looks with such a kindly eye on the benefits of wine, that makes it the heart of man.

The drinking of Scott and Zelda, neither friendly nor merry, made these otherwise charming people repulsive and unfit for society. In the flashback to earlier years of triumph in Hollywood, when they made a bonanza of a man's watch and a woman's jewelry, they certainly deserved to be forgiven, however great his ability as a writer. So too in one of his last scenes, when, using secrets she stole from him in a tender love scene, he mocks Sheila Graham for her role on the wrong side of London. Scott, one felt, deserved all the glory that God, man and Hollywood had given him.

One of the noteworthy features of the American letters is that so many fine writers have become alcoholics, after achieving sudden, deserved, and almost incredible success. Like Byron, they wake one morning to find themselves famous; and there they remain for the rest of the rest of their lives. Europeans are not afflicted by this remains a mystery.

Jason Miller as Scott, Tuesday Weld as Zelda, and Julia Foster as Sheila Graham all turned in

remarkable performances, with Miller dominating the screen. In a supporting role, Dolores Sutton was perfection as Dorothy Parker. All of them were aided by some remarkable make-up by the back-room girls: they looked exactly like photographs of the heroes and heroines they were portraying.

Scott died when his reputation was at its nadir: he was looked upon as an effete interpreter of a generation that disappeared on Wall Street in October, 1929. After his death, however, his writing received new recognition; few men have had as sensitive an ear for words, or as much integrity underlying the public faces they presented to the world. To bring out these qualities, at the same time not palliating his sins in any way, was no easy task. Jason Miller brought it off. In passing, I must say a word for the producer, Eddie, who, like his wife, preferred the screen to the stage. The camera's question of what the camera was supposed to be doing was a very legitimate one.

Altogether, I can see several Emmy awards going to this one. AS THE WEEKS go by, I get more and more irritated by "The Amazing Years of Cinema." The commentator uses a patronizing tone, implying that it is almost incredible that 60 years ago the old fogies were making films like those we are shown. Since then, exactly like the films we see nowadays, don't see why he feels so smug. This week was devoted to the mad scientists, who could all step into "Space 1999," with no questions asked. The snippets of

films shown to demonstrate something or other are infuriating.

If Israel Television wants to bring us films from the past, there are endless shows that could bring us many delightful hours. The Clark Gable, Gary Cooper and Claudette Colbert comedies spring to mind; Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers dancing; the Marx Brothers; Tom Walls and Ralph Lynn in Frederick Lonsdale and Ben Travers farces; Noel Coward comedies — the list is endless. If they want only to fill in a half-hour slot, and the shows I have mentioned are all too long, they could use the two-part pie-throwing comedies of Buster Keaton and Larry Semon and Harold Lloyd.

But why indulge the nostalgia kick at all, why must they put the clock back to early Hollywood? Is this replacement for Uri Zohar's lamented "That's my Secret" supposed to be educational or entertaining? If the latter, there are numerous modern comedy series which are exactly the right length — the selectors of programmes only have to switch over to Jordan to see how many such shows there are. We are given only Archie Bunker, who, I must admit, gets better and better. I liked the nurse's crack this week as she gave him a posterior injection: "For me it's just another face in the crowd." And the dusky doctor suggesting that Archie should rub his black head to reinforce the treatment was also good.

ISRAELI products get fewer and fewer as time passes; maybe, if the extra revenue sought by Television House is found somewhere, we shall get renewed efforts to use television to promote indigenous film-making. Still, there have been some good

things produced locally, although these were dismissed as it is a long time since anybody has done anything fictional.

There was a very good documentary last week about the effort to help a drug addict to find a way back to normality. And I liked an item on the week-end magazine about the Beduin sculptor in Sinai. Finally, the film about the Georgian painters on the Youth Magazine on Sunday night was very interesting.

A little bird tells me that "Nikot Rosh" is to be revived, but that it will embody a curious Israeli solution to the complaints of the local John Birchers. In the new format, one week will be handed over to right-wing satirists, the following week to the left-wingers. Nobody in the centre, apparently, has a penchant for satire, or insists on being palliated.

King Solomon the Wise himself could hardly have thought of a better solution to the question of whose "Nikot Rosh" should be.

One good argument for advertisements during thrillers on television, which is seldom adduced, is that they give people with weak prostates a chance to make the necessary adjustments, without losing any of the action. The great danger on the subject of TV advertising here seems rather pointless, since it is impossible to distinguish between Jordan's pleas that we should buy watches and perfume, and Israel's urging that we should spend our all on Mifal Hapayot or Loto tickets. True, Israeli advertisements are called "service" broadcasts, and Jordan's aren't called anything, but they seem to me to be exactly the same thing.

MUSIC REVIEW Benjamin Bar-Am

Unimpressive

IN ISRAEL Philharmonic Orchestra, Andor David, conducting, Rahab Perlman, violin (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, Dec. 28). Light: "Atmospheres"; solo: "Valse Concerto"; Soloist: Three hours from "Romeo and Juliet".

LAST year we were given the opportunity to hear Gyorgy Ligeti's "Atmospheres," one of the most original of contemporary orchestral compositions. It was a threshold of perceptibility but most of these were completely lost in the coughing and rustling of the audience. However, orchestra and conductor must share the blame for the unimpressive performance. It is unfortunately true that the L.P.O. is not made for this kind of music. Nor did Andor David show himself a sensitive conductor handling the main element of "Atmospheres," its colour. With melody, rhythm and harmony completely obliterated, it is colour, timbre and nuance which count and these did not materialize sufficiently. Nor was micropolyphony, which was slowly transformed the huge and static clusters, brought out very well.

With the first sounds of Shilshim, one could feel the orchestra returning to its old love: romantic music. Violinist Perlman, David and the orchestra shared equally in this unimpressive performance of the concerto. Perlman gave an intoxicatingly passionate performance. Bach's Mass revealed new beauties, with expression and sound, unimpressive inventiveness and spontaneity. David and the orchestra, deeply inspired by the soloist, established a perfect balance between the solo and orchestral parts, and turned this performance into a brilliant event.

Berlioz was an anticlimax both as music and in performance. To turn his incoherent music into something so impressively, one has to be much more than a good conductor. David tried hard and his approach, as loving, tender and romantic to be marred. Yet despite all his painstaking efforts, the excerpts seemed of great length and slowness.

IT OCCURS TO ME / Hadassah Bat Haim

WE REALIZE, of course, that for us Israelis, December 31 is just a date like any other and much less significant than, say, September 1, when all the pupils go back to school and the mothers back to sanity. We don't expect to see any changes between that day and the next, any more than we expect to see witches flying around on the last day of October.

In that other world, the one we left behind, even though the date was not for our New Year, we used to join in the festivities, if only to be neighbourly. Also it seemed a bit stand-offish to spend the last night, even of somebody else's old year, sitting at home mending socks when everyone else was down at the Town Hall singing "Auld Lang Syne" and climbing up the statue of Albert the Good. Old habits die hard. There are still a few cautious people who hang up garlic at the back door to keep off hags and demons and there are some whose minds are filled with coloured streamers and memories of dance bands as the Julian year draws to its close.

It just so turns out that quite a number of people are having some friends round this weekend. And in

Festivities and rites

an extraordinary number of houses and hotels the champagne will be uncorked exactly at midnight. Good wishes are acceptable at any time and will be thrown around as freely then as at any other time. Even a friendly kiss, to whoever is standing nearby, can only improve the atmosphere and should not be discouraged. There is no such notion as sending someone dark complexioned person to place a lucky foot over the threshold five minutes after midnight, though if any such one should happen to ask for admittance at that particular moment, it would be churlish to deny it.

This ambivalent attitude could be avoided were all these celebrations to be pooled and enjoyed by everyone. We and the Moslems could together light firecrackers for the

Chinese New Year and put on paper hats for Hogmanay and the Chinese could eat apples and honey on the last day of Kish with anyone else who would like an excuse for a party. There are probably hundreds of New Year rites and customs that most of us have never heard of which would add new dimensions of innocent fun to our holidays and enrich our own solemnities considerably.

We don't any longer compile those long lists of good resolutions which include never leaving dishes in the sink and answering letters the day they arrive. Long experience has taught us that this is a waste of time no matter what day they are undertaken. More important for those for whom tradition is strong, is to make sure that the first of January, like the first of every month, is greeted with the word "Rabbits." When it is also the start of a whole year, purists insist that "Hares" must be added to the invocation. This can be done, to be on the safe side, on the first day of the Hebrew calendar months as well. With prophets on all sides predicting doom for practically everyone in the New Year — everybody's New Year — one can't be too careful.

Our ageing musical audience

BY GRAYA SHAPIRO

ISRAEL has the largest per capita musical audience in the world, but it is ageing. That is one of the comments made by conductor Lorin Maazel on his current, sixth visit to Israel during the past ten years.

It is not that the halls are filled predominantly by grey-haired people, but that the tastes of the public is conservative. "In Cleveland, we have a programme called 'For the Young in Heart.' Many of the patrons are elderly, but they are eager to hear something new."

Young Israelis, Maazel feels, seem to entertain certain cultural attitudes which make them suspicious of Old Europe. They suspect Old Europe's music of decadence, of not being responsive to the needs of modern society. Maazel himself sees no real dichotomy between the Old and the New. Music is Music. The clarity of Bach fascinates the mind

of old and young, in America or in Japan — in spite of the oddities of the Baroque period into which Bach was born.

"The challenge for musicians is to educate a generation of music lovers," Maazel believes. In many of the world's major concert halls, a number of seats is reserved for young people, paying "student prices." But anything is legitimate which brings young people nearer to pure music. In London, young men rave about the Round House concerts, which play only contemporary works.

Rock concerts? — Very good. People are crazy about rock music. If all depends on how it is presented. To bring the audience nearer music, Maazel muses, it might be advisable

to make concerts less formal. There is no need for the players to don their full evening dress when on the stage — though, of course, "some sort of distinctive garb is necessary, to stress that a concert is a special occasion, an event of sorts."

If he were only able to retire early, Maazel says, he would devote more time to composition. And to reading. But above all, he would devote himself to promoting music through the mass media, and television is promising in this respect.

As the distilled essence of the human heritage, music speaks to every heart, irrespective of race, creed or political allegiance. If only music could be brought into every home, the world would be a better place.

BIBLICAL BYWAYS / Louis Rabinovich

One true love

THIS week's portion enumerates the 70 souls who came down with Jacob to Egypt. They included his 12 sons, who were to be the progenitors of the Twelve Tribes of Israel and their one sister. All the children were from four mothers—the two sisters Rachel and Leah, and their two handmaids, Zilpah and Bilhah.

There is, however, ample and moving evidence that the one sibling love of the patriarch Jacob is the account of their first meeting, when Jacob spontaneously kissed her; his offer to serve Laban for seven years for her, seven years that "seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her; and the last reference to his love, after her death, when in apparent apology to Joseph for the puzzling fact that Rachel alone of all the Patriarchs and Matriarchs was not vouchsafed burial in the family sepulchre of Machpelah. Jacob says to him, "And when I was on the way from Padan, Rachel died on me. On this day, I have been comforted: (in essence) a wife dies only to her husband, and the whole is one

sustained idyll which goes beyond the grave.

Perhaps the most moving reflection of that love, and so moving just because of its casual mention, comes in the genealogical enumeration referred to above. The 12 sons of Jacob and his daughter are enumerated according to their maternity, and each of the mothers is literally "put in her place."

"These are the sons of Leah whom she bore to Jacob;" "these are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and she bore him;" "These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and she bore him." Their role is that of breeders, the mothers of Jacob's children. Only with Rachel is the formula changed: "The sons of Rachel, the wife of Jacob, Joseph and Benjamin."

The difference is striking and eloquent. Rachel alone is not only the mother of his children, but also the "one true love." She is the one and only true and eternal love, a love born at first sight and which continued even after she died.

CINEMA REVIEWS / Sadie Wilkinson

Fair to Entebbe

Victory at Entebbe (Ben Yehuda & Ophir Tel Aviv, Orion, Jerusalem, Orah, Haifa and throughout the country).

It is difficult for an Israeli to assess a film like this which deals with events that so horrified, terrified and at last so elated us all and with which we felt so intimately related. The actual happenings of that time are still so close to us and the emotions aroused are still so strong that it is doubtful whether any dramatization would be really satisfying.

This said, "Victory at Entebbe" has much to recommend it. First of all, it is not a vulgarization. It does not exploit cheap melodrama, mock heroics or mawkish sentimentality. In fact one feels that its makers were motivated by the desire to create an honest film rather than aim for a big box office success. And the picture does show blackmail by terror for the obscenity it is.

The film opens with the passengers of the hijacked plane on Air France Flight 139 for Paris on June 27 last. Mrs. Wise, a little old lady, tells her son she wished they were travelling El Al. She does not like Athens airport.

In the recounting of the events that followed the hijacking of the plane by two German terrorists and a couple of young Palestinians up to the daring rescue of the hostages by Israeli Commandos at Uganda's Entebbe air terminal, emphasis is laid on the reactions of individuals, most of whom emerge as believable figures with whom the audience can identify. The actual rescue scenes are very brief and for the reviewer the most compelling part of the film is when the Gentile hostages are allowed to leave for their destination while the Jews are forced to remain. This, with its echoes of Masada, is surely the most horrifying moment of the film as indeed it must have been for those embroiled in the actual happenings.

Tellingly punctuating the action are the tense scenes in Israel where

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This is a David L. Wolper production, competently directed by Marvin Chomsky and produced by Robert Guenette. The well-crafted script is by Ernest Kinoy.

Pocket Money (Studio, Tel Aviv). Francois Truffaut's latest film, in about childhood, a theme that from the time of his first picture "Les quatre cents coups" has always interested him and for which he has a rare understanding.

The film is a series of sketches about the lives of children in a government-run school in a small French town. Some are amusing, some serious and some seem to be fantasies. A little girl wants to keep a money given him for a hair-cut; a motherless boy falls in love with his chum's mother — the look in the child's eyes as he goes off to school is heart-rending.

One of the chief characters, who appears on and off throughout the film, is Julien (Philippe Goldman). He is an underprivileged boy who lives with his drunken mother in a tumbledown shack and is sent to the school by welfare. Without sentimentalism but with poignant touches Truffaut makes clear the boy's loneliness and misery, all the more moving as Julien pretends to his comrades that his home life is similar to theirs. Without help a child so abused and deprived must become a delinquent. Truffaut states that while children are less fragile than we think, yet they must have the security that love gives them and that cruelty to children (as it is to animals) is indefensible.

The acting of the young cast is so good as to appear absolutely natural. Even tiny Gregory, dangerously playing on the balcony of a tall building, seems to be a born actor.

Even those people who do not care for child actors or films about children will, I believe, enjoy this one.

MIDRASH ON THE NEWS / Moshe Kohn

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assume the leadership, so Moses agreed to take a subordinate position to Joshua. After Joshua had his first audience with God in the Tent of the Presence, Moses asked him what God had told him. Joshua replied: "When God spoke to you, did you report the details to me?" At this, Moses cried out to God: "Let me die a hundred times rather than be jealous once!"

And when Joshua was teaching the assembly, expounding Moses' teachings and adding his own explanations, Moses found himself unable to follow his former disciple. So he said to God: "I have been pleading for my life; now take it and do what You will with it" (Devarim Rabba 9:9; Tanhuma, Va'et'hanan, 8).

Earlier, Moses had said to God: "Master of the Universe, You know everyone's mind, and You know that people's opinions differ. When I go and You are choosing a new leader for the Jews, appoint someone who will be tolerant of their differences of opinion" (Tanhuma, Pinhas, 1; Bamidbar Rabba 21:1).

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Science 9. 9.30 Geometry 8. 10.05
Citizenship 7. 10.25 Biology 10. 11.02
Road Safety, 11.10 Society and
Culture 12. 11.10 Physics 8. 12.20
History, 12.30 Society and Culture.
14.00 Japanese puppet show. 14.15
Man's Best Friend. 14.30 Everyman's
Calendar.
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
15.00 Faster, Higher, Stronger:
Sports roundup for youth
15.30 Sabbath eve programme for
youth. Bible portion of the week:
ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
15.00 News roundup
15.30 Film in Arabic
15.45 News
Programme announcements
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume
15.30.05 with Sabbath programme
with Shmura Inbar and the Par-
varim. Bible portion of the week:
Parashat
15.30.20 Weekly news magazine
15.30 The Last Angry Man. With Lyn
Carlin and Pat Hingle. The Story of
an Idealistic New York City slum doc-
tor.
22.00 Concert: Soloists of the Munich
Wind Ensemble, conducted by
Wolfgang Sawallisch. Two
Serenades. Mozart: Serenade No. 10
in B-flat Major for 13 Wind
Instruments, K.361
22.15 News
JORDAN TV 6 (unofficial): Shows
with Asterisks are also on JTV 8:
10.25 Valley of the Dinosaurs, 11.15
The Three Stooges, 1.45 Gunsmoke,
15.00 Cartoons, 15.15 Star Soccer,
15.00 Arabic programme, 15.30 News
in Hebrew, 16.00 News in Arabic,
20.00 Cilla's World of Comedy, 21.00
Wexler Tales, 22.00 News in English,
22.15 Suspense programme

ON THE AIR
First Programme
7.07 Morning concert - Bartok:
Rumanian Dances; Shostakovich: 3
Preludes; Handel: Trio-Sonata in C
Major; Prokofiev: Psalm: Tuma:
Sinfonia; Shostakovich: 3 Dances;
Ippolitov-Ivanov: 2 Caucasian
Sketches, Op. 18; Schubert: Nocturne
for Trio; Ravel: Ma mere l'Oye;
Dvorak: String Quartet in G
(Guarneri); Beethoven: Piano
Concerto No. 4 in G Minor (Rubin-
stein, Bernstein)
10.05 Programme announcements
10.30 Radio story: "The Band," by R.
Y. Agnon
12.05 Mozart: The Magic Flute Over-
ture; "Contrasts" with Paul Land-
man; Haydn: Divertimento for Cello
(Piatigorsky); Gerahwin: Rhapsody
15.05 Light Classical Music by Grieg,
Kern, Beethoven, Holst, Lalo and
others
15.30 Sabbath eve programme: dis-
cussion, readings from the Portion of
the Week (Vaygash), talk by Chof
Rabbi Ovadia Yosef
16.30 Music from the Middle Ages and
the Renaissance
18.30 Music Quiz
18.40 (Stereo) Smetana: Excerpts
from The Bartered Bride Overture
(George Slinger); Martinu: Etudes
and Polkas (Frank Pellegr)
20.05 Literary programme
20.45 (Stereo) Chamber Concert -
Israel Quartet, with Richard Lesser,
clarinet - Bach-Steinberg: Excerpts
from the Art of the Fugue; Mozart:
Clarinet Quintet in A Major, K. 582
22.05 (Stereo) Night music - Bach:
Brandenburg Concerto No. 6;
Chausson: Concerto for Violin, Piano
and String Quartet in D Major;
Shostakovich: Symphony No. 10 in E
Minor, Op. 93
22.55 Programme announcements

ON THE AIR
Second Programme
5.55 Lights in Israel with Azaria Alon
10.05 Weekly news magazine
11.05 Al Tolekano sings the songs of
Charles Amador
12.05 "Another Angle" on a familiar
figure (no details available)
13.05 Announcements on entertain-
ment and the arts
14.10 Songs and goals - reports on
the day's soccer games
17.05 News and beyond - discussion
18.05 Matter Receiving Attention -
Gideon Lev-Ari takes up some public
complaints and sees them through
the red tape
18.30 Sports commentary
19.05 Weekly news magazine (repeat)
19.47 Bible Reading: Isaiah 11, 12
20.05 Selections from "Beer and Good
Cheer"
21.05 Middle East Crossroads -
political commentary
22.05 Shmuel Almog's talk show
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terviews

Army Radio
5.05 Sandwich - songs, comedy skits
5.55 Programme announcements
5.55 The Happy Choir - children's
songs
6.45 Sara Doron
10.05 Songs
11.05 "Questions Facing the West"
- Special programme dealing with
the events of 1976, with a special
emphasis in the "Decline of the
West". The economic crisis in Brit-
ain, the future of the dream of
"European Unity" and the "New
Communism" with Joseph Slesco
and David Margand
12.05 Personal Questions - Yaacov
Agmon interviews Shmuel Beck
14.05 High Noon - two performing
groups challenge each other in a pop-
ular pop song and stereo
15.05 Golden Oldies
16.05 Four O'Clock Tea
17.05 Places in Our Country - Profile
of kibbutz Yotvata in the Arava
18.05 Shira - Chapter 10, 11, 12
of the book by E.Y. Agnon
19.05 Diet Manual's talk show
19.07 Yoram Brammali talks about
the "Art of quoting"
20.05 From one thing to another -
songs, chat
21.05 On Jewish tradition
21.45 Music for Wind Ensemble
22.05 Juke Box - music
23.05 Noam Sherif talks about hi-fi
and stereo equipment
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Sara Doron

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21.00 Mahat sport
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JORDAN TV 6 (unofficial): 18.15
Hong Kong Footy, 18.00 Young Dr.
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21.10 Variety show, 22.00 News in
English, 22.15 Movie of the Week

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7.07 Morning concert - Handel:
Water Music; Purcell: In Guilty
Night, (Alfred Deller); Britten:
Young Persons Guide to the
Orchestra, Op. 34 (Andra Previn)
9.05 World of Science - discussion
(no details available)
9.30 (Stereo): Jerusalem Symphony
Orchestra plays Shostakovich, Ariele,
for Soprano, Baritone, Chorus and
Orchestra; Mozart: Piano Concerto
in D Minor; Albinetti: Iberia
11.00 Radio drama: The Battles of the
Jews, by Leon Feuchtwanger
12.15 Chopin: Trio in G Minor, Op. 8
(Zohar Michael)
12.05 Music Quiz
12.45 (Stereo): Wiener Festwochen
1976 with the Vienna Philharmonic
Orchestra; Brahms: Haydn
Variations (Karl Boehm); Strauss:
Alto Rhapsody (Christa Ludwig, Karl
Boehm); Schumann: Symphony No. 1
(Zohar Michael)
15.00 (Stereo): "Heroes in Music" -
Egmont
15.30 Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 4
(Bernstein)
16.00 Opus in Paris - The story of
Jacques Offenbach
16.45 Open Microphone - arts
magazine
17.05 (Stereo): Vocal Ensemble from
Hamburg with Klaus Peter conduc-
ting - Haubstock-Ramati:
Madrigal; Schütz: Two Motets;
Mendelssohn: 6 Songs, Op. 69;
Kodaly: 3 Songs
21.30 Radio story: "A Night on the
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JERUSALEM institutions are attracting Christian students from many countries. A veritable intellectual and spiritual smorgasbord is available — a three and a half month semester sponsored by St. Olaf's College of Minnesota; courses of three weeks to three months on "The Bible and its Setting" at St. George's College; an intensive month or an academic year at the American Institute of Holy Land Studies; a full year at the Hebrew University — and more. Many of the institutions also offer lectures and field trips from Mount Hermon on the northern border to Mount Sinai far to the south.

Most Christian students find the experience immensely worthwhile. Goals and satisfaction naturally vary, but for those whose personal faith is of some significance, a course that involves study of the Bible in its environment seems of real value.

Along with 32 other colleagues, Bob Russell, a senior at St. Olaf's College, has just completed a semester of history, archaeology, and courses in Judaism and Islam taught by professors from the Hebrew University, Bar Ilan University, and the Albrit Institute. All were worthwhile, Bob said, but the highlight was walking the hills and desert of the Judean wilderness with Lutheran Biblical scholar Dr. Bruce Shein, studying the Gospel of John in the open air.

"The meaning of the Gospel and its message for our life today really came alive. I gained a more vivid picture of who Jesus was, how he taught, how he used things all about him to teach profound spiritual truth — things like vines and branches, a sower and the kinds of soil that receive seed, fig trees, etc. One day we walked all the way to Jericho along the old Roman road. We had an unforgettable evening here in Jerusalem as we retraced the steps of Jesus just before his death, beginning in Gethsemane. These hikes, along with related study, helped me better understand what it means to be a disciple.

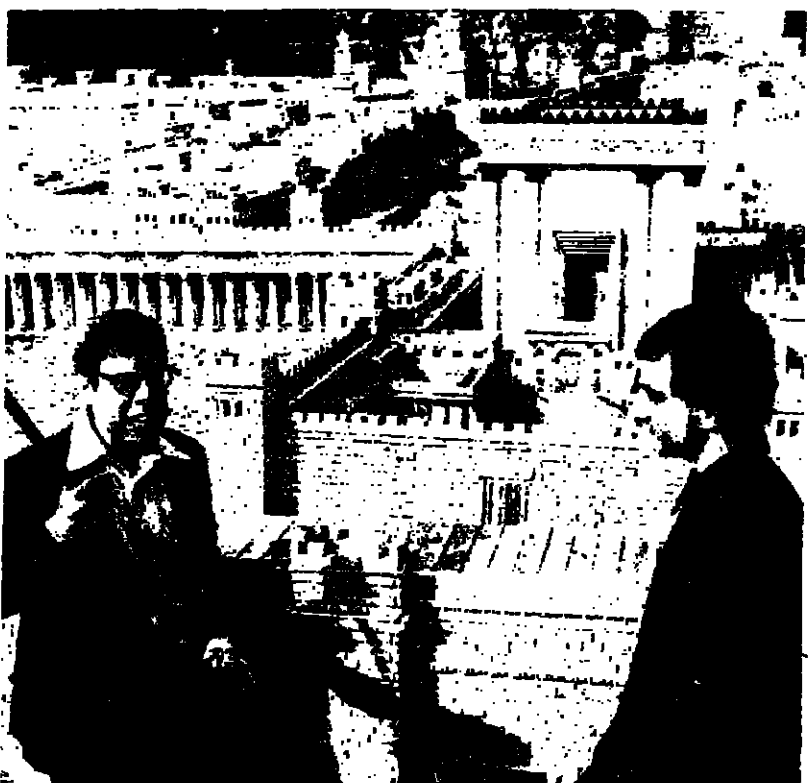
"I still have my doubts with which I struggle, but the experience in Israel has given a boost to my faith and a better understanding of the Bible." Bob intends to continue his education in a seminary after college graduation in order to become a pastor — a decision which came in part from his experience here.

Other Christian students come with clear academic and personal goals. Susan Rattray was studying for a degree in Near Eastern Studies at the University of California at Berkeley when she came to Israel with 30 other Cal students, all but three of whom are Jewish. After an upsurge at the University of Haifa, the group entered the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Susan began her study of Modern Hebrew, Biblical Hebrew, and Classical Arabic at Berkeley. One of her primary goals here has been to learn to speak Hebrew well. She has

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Jerusalem attracts Christian students



Hebrew U. graduate student Sam Meier, right, listens to Historian Isaiah Gafni's lecture at the Holyland Hotel's "2nd Temple Model."

ample opportunity since her roommate is an Israeli sabra from a Yemenite background. Susan is also learning colloquial Arabic. Her interest in Hebrew is due in large measure to her love for the Hebrew Bible.

Susan looked forward to visiting the Biblical sites, but admits that she has difficulty in responding to holy places covered with churches and filled with lamps and incense. "I wish they could have left the significant places in Jesus' life and ministry as they were," she says, "without always building a church over them. This is probably why I like the Garden Tomb so much, because they left it pretty much the way they found it."

Having Jewish professors is not unusual for Susan — most of her professors at Berkeley were Jewish. But she's sorry that so many of them are agnostic, even among those who teach the Bible.

Robin Cover and Sam Meier came to the Hebrew University to broaden their perspectives and gain insight into a Jewish interpretation of the Hebrew Bible. Both have completed two years of a four year programme

at Dallas (Texas) Theological Seminary after graduating from the University of California — Robin from the Davis campus, and Sam from the Los Angeles campus.

Sam remarks: "In some seminars it is easy to be closed into one's own little world and feel that one has a monopoly on the truth. I feel it is very important for New Testament studies to understand the Hebrew Bible and Jewish perspectives. I'm getting that at the Hebrew University."

Robin and Sam's goals are evidenced in the courses they are both taking: Introduction to the Talmud with Rabbi Dr. Schindler, Archaeology with Dr. Ben Tor, and Exegesis of Samuel with Dr. Rosenberg. Sam, who is proficient in Hebrew, also studies Egyptian and the Pseudepigrapha, while Robin continues Hebrew study. Both feel that their programme is helping them prepare for future vocations.

Sam states: "I've come to see the value of the Mishnah and Talmud for a better understanding of New Testament backgrounds as well as for insight into Jewish interpretation of what we call the 'Old Testament'."

One of the advantages of study here is that Christian students can participate in the celebration of the feast of Passover, Shavu'ot (or Pentecost), and Tabernacles, all of which are mentioned in Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem or in the early chapters of Acts. Robin feels that "Jews have something of tremendous value in these celebrations which remind all of us of God's revelatory acts in history." Sam adds: "It is interesting to me how often Paul, in writing to believers of Gentile origin, wants them to view the salvation history in Hebrew scriptures as their history, too."

Most Christian students become sensitized to the issues involved in Jewish-Arab relations. Bob Russell gives his viewpoint of the experience of the St. Olaf's College group: "We lived in the Old City, so we got an Arab perspective on many events. The soldiers came into our garden compound every weekend to give protective surveillance to a much-travelled street below us, and their presence caused a lot of stress. But we also heard and came to better understand the Jewish point of view from our professor of Judaism, Dr. Rosenak, of the Hebrew University."

"Gradually, we came to feel the hurts of both Jew and Arab. Both have experienced great suffering that we in America have not known on our own soil for over a hundred years. To have your land occupied by another force, as the Palestinians view it, or to be without a homeland, which was the Jewish experience for so many centuries, were things that I had difficulty in even imagining before coming here. I think I'm beginning to understand now."

Although the Christian community in Jerusalem is small, particularly for those from a Protestant background, students find that fellowship with those of similar faith locally is a vital contribution to their experience here. A number attend services on Sunday and participate in the life of various congregations. Bob Russell, for example, sang solos and served as cantor this fall in the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in the Old City. Some from the Hebrew University, who attend classes on Sunday, are a bit surprised to find themselves attending Bible study and worship on Saturday (Shabbat) while synagogues are meeting. The Baptist congregation, attended by a number of overseas students, affirms the Jewish roots of Christian faith. During the Shabbat service, the "Shema" is sung and a Psalm is read in Hebrew.

Christian students admit to some disappointments, and "sometimes must contend with their parents' fears. "My father was sure I was going to be killed by some terrorist," one girl admitted, "and even after all these months, he still worries." Despite the problems, the students interviewed were unanimous in affirming the value of their encounter with Israel — the Land, the Jewish and Arab peoples, and the rich opportunities for study.

POSTAGE STAMPS TELL THE STORY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL by Dr. HANAN BRUEN and HEDVA NEUMANN. Book. Sefer Reali, Haifa. 197 pp. Illustrated. Hebrew.

CAN ISRAELI postage stamps serve a purpose beyond their intrinsic one of prepayment of mailing fees? Can they be more than an avocation of business for philatelists or dealers? The affirmative answer to these questions is demonstrated in this civics workbook co-authored by Dr. Hanan Bruen and Hedva Neumann.

The workbook, which comes with an accompanying teacher's guide, is designed for use by pupils in grades 5 to 8 and uses Israeli postage stamps (with a slight sprinkling of Mandate and Jewish National Fund issues) to tell the story of the pre-State decades and the establishment of the State.

Each section of the book is subdivided into a number of exercises centered around a group of stamps on a particular topic. By studying the stamps and by using them to answer questions, the pupil gains an understanding of the subject and, one hopes, the motivation to pursue the subject in depth.

Stories in stamps

STAMPS
Harvey Wolinets

The section on "The State and Its Achievements," for example, has 12 groups of exercises covering such topics as symbols of government (using the 1949 flag and 1955 Independence Day issues), ingathering of the tribes (1955 Youth Aliyah set), economic development (1955 Dead Sea Works issue), tourism, health and environmental protection. The exercises on education and culture use stamps issued for the Hebrew University, the Technion and the Bezalel Academy.

The book, now in its second edition, incorporates stamps issued

through March 1972. The author, working on a third edition, will incorporate subsequent stamps events. This will allow them to the Yom Kippur War and to more adequately such events as the Six Day War. The use of stamps in this area is weak, and this on part to the limited number of stamps.

Two other topics should have been covered, for which numerous stamps exist. One is Jerusalem and the other is Israel's Biblical history, which is completely omitted. Contemporary events require an explanation of the Central history of the State. How to an can the student understand the traditional arguments over Judea, Samaria? Or why Jerusalem is central to Israel? Well over 100 stamps could have been used to help explain these topics. Many of them were used, but in other areas.

The workbook should, however, prove useful in Hebrew-speaking classes in yeshivot and day schools throughout the Diaspora, where ideas of Israel are abstract. It could benefit by the evidence of State's achievements presented in stamps.

Attack

BRIDGE
George Levine

you now see that he does not anticipate any danger in the diamonds. He can afford to lose a club trick — so why not do it later, when it will be safe? Up goes the ace, and you save the day.

This is Garozzo's tip: "Games must be quietly defended, but slams may be attacked."

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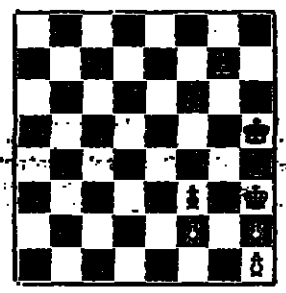
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1976 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, the official handbook, published by The American Contract Bridge League, 2200 Democrat Road, Memphis, Tennessee, 1976, paperback, 192 pp., \$6.95.

THIS BOOK reports fully the results between the United States and Italy in the Bermuda Bowl contest for the World Championship, and reports partially on the preliminaries of the Bermuda Bowl.

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Yediot Aharonot survey (December 24, 1976)

Labour Alignment (Mapai + Ahdut Ha'avoda + Rafi + Mapam)

31%

Likud (Herut + Liberals + La'am)

30%

Democratic Movement for Change

22%

P.O.R.I. survey (Haaretz, December 10, 1976)

Likud leading Democratic Movement for Change by only 3%

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The eclipse of the PLO

IN OCTOBER 1974 the heads of the Arab states assembled in Rabat to crown the PLO the sole legitimate representative of the Arab Palestinian people. They awarded the terrorist organization title to leadership of a fully "independent national authority" to be set up "on any liberated Palestinian land." Using their newly won levers of political persuasion, the Arab governments contrived to have the Rabat formula repeatedly endorsed by staggering votes in the UN General Assembly, and never more emphatically so than at this year's session.

Yet the Rabat resolution is now dead, and buried. The guilty parties are the three main Arab "confrontation" states, with most say in the matter — Egypt, Syria and Jordan. This is the ringing message carried in two important statements made in the last few days in the capitals of Egypt and Jordan. In Cairo, President Sadat told a correspondent of the "Washington Post" that the Palestinian state he foresaw in the areas vacated by Israel would have to be formally linked to Jordan: that is to say, its much touted independence will be heavily diluted.

In Amman, on Tuesday, Sheikh Muhammad Ali Ja'abari, the ex-mayor of Hebron, no doubt speaking for his host, King Hussein, came out for the formation of a new "Palestinian Land" party to represent the Palestinians — not necessarily in place of but certainly apart from the PLO: in other words, the PLO's claim to be the sole representative of the Palestinians is no longer considered worthy of recognition.

For the Hashemite monarch, this attitude is of course merely a reaffirmation of an old position, from which he was forced to withdraw under overwhelming pressure in Rabat. The sincerity of Hussein's renunciation of his own claim to the West Bank has been open to some question, even after Rabat; now it is obvious that it has only been a tactical measure all along.

For President Sadat, his stipulation that the Palestinian state must be associated with Jordan — with the implicit downgrading of the PLO — is something of a novelty. Only a few weeks ago, in the General Assembly, Egypt fought hard for the adoption of a report (by the "Committee of Twenty") which explicitly denied the right of any outside party to dictate to the Palestinian people (as Sadat has just done) "the form, status, or system of its entity."

Yet this new Egyptian concept has clearly been in the making for some time. There is every reason to believe that it reflects a consensus between Cairo and Damascus — and Amman as well, growing out of the experience of Lebanon. As President Assad put it in an address last July, the PLO has turned out in Lebanon to be not only untrustworthy politically, but a nonentity militarily. The PLO's only proven effectiveness, he might have added, was in threatening the foundations of established Arab regimes.

To save appearances, an effort will no doubt still be made to assure the PLO some kind of seat in Geneva. But the three confrontation states — to whose ranks Sadat wishes to add Lebanon — have now made it abundantly clear that they intend to be masters and not servants of the PLO, and that they do not relish the prospect of a violent, and probably non-viable, Arafat state in Palestine. The point is doubtless made with the intention that it will duly impress the Americans, and perhaps some others, at this time of a "peace offensive."

Playing politics with arbitration

THE FOUR BILLS on compulsory arbitration, voted to committee in the Knesset, with the aid of a tactical coup de main engineered gleefully by the Opposition parties, are not likely to become law.

But they should be seen as a warning to the Histadrut concerning its refusal to countenance another measure, sponsored this time by the parliamentary Labour Party itself, which proposed to introduce voluntary (not compulsory) arbitration. The majority, albeit tenuous, put together in the Knesset for the four bills indicates one thing clearly: that the public in Israel is thoroughly fed up with the constant abuses to which collective bargaining has been subjected. It is widely felt that a certain amount of control must be imposed upon an area in labour relations which is degenerating into something dangerously like anarchy.

The question is, how much control. The idea of compulsory arbitration is violently unpopular in the trade union movement. Nor, as it happens, is this procedure tailored to meet Israel's exact requirements at the present time.

Experience in other countries suggests that the tribunals incline to make a judgment of Solomon. In a situation where there is spare money to be shared out and disagreement as to how it should be divided, the arbitrator is apt to take a middle course between what the workers claim and the employers offer.

In Israel there is, during the immediate future, no spare money to be shared out. Something tougher than compulsory arbitration is called for. The Histadrut has actually suggested such an instrument, and has expressed itself as ready to adopt it.

The proposal is that a new wage agreement be negotiated for the public service — the only sector which is problematic. (The last agreement gave a negligible wage rise of 2.5 per cent a year; the next one will certainly not give more.) A new arbitration procedure should then be voluntarily adopted by the Histadrut and the Government, to deal with any disputes over the interpretation of this agreement.

Such a procedure would put out of court any wage claim (whether by tax officials or X-ray technicians or anyone else) that went beyond the limits set in the overall wage contract. The only difference is over legislation. The Government wants the agreement backed up by an act of parliament; the Histadrut does not.

This is the cause to which the Opposition parties ought to be bending their energies. All efforts should be focused on pressing Labour Minister Baran to introduce the Voluntary Arbitration Bill for its first reading. It would be more constructive to support a tough measure like this, that has a chance of being enacted, than to play politics with Wednesday's assortment of bills — which antagonise the rank-and-file in the workplaces, and are anyway largely irrelevant to the problems that the country faces.

Troubled intelligence



WASHINGTON REPORT
Wolf Blitzer

THE CIA, it was disclosed in Washington this week, has been misled by the Soviet Union's overall strategic intentions over the past several years. The new and revised CIA national intelligence estimate, which will be presented to President-elect Jimmy Carter next month, says that Moscow actually seeks military superiority over the U.S. and not merely rough parity, as previous national estimates have maintained.

The new assessment, "The New York Times" reported, was more sombre than any previous one in more than a decade. "It was more than sombre — it was very grim," a top-level military intelligence officer asserted.

The revelation of an American intelligence failure of this magnitude was a sober indication that détente, as practiced by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and the Nixon/Ford Administrations over the past eight years, has not succeeded. While Washington was cutting back U.S. arms programmes, Moscow was expanding its military capabilities in a remarkable pace, and the U.S. misread the evidence.

There was always a handful of U.S. intelligence experts who opposed the State Department's line. They insisted on attaching dissenting opinions to the national estimates, arguing that the U.S. relationship with the Soviet Union was "hard-liners" and "cold warriors" by the majority of intelligence community officials, who accepted Kissinger's views. Their opinions were dismissed.

BUT IT NOW appears the American intelligence establishment has been wrong not only about overall Soviet military objectives.

This week's disclosures have confirmed to some intelligence officers that "the community" — as the various national intelligence

organizations prefer to be called — has also been wrong about overall Soviet intentions in the Middle East.

During the Kissinger era, it was the consensus opinion that the Soviet Union was motivated by superpower détente and would not risk its good relations with the U.S. by obstructing peace efforts in the region. The minority view held that the Soviets were anxious to maintain tension in the region — irrespective of détente.

"The assumption that détente exists in the Middle East has been proven wrong time and again," one American intelligence source commented this week. "Yet the Kissinger school of thought continued to argue that it did — and the doctrine of intelligence officers of the State Department, the CIA and the other organizations bought his line."

In fact, U.S. intelligence estimates on the Middle East have been frequently wrong over the years. The U.S. did not predict the outbreak of the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Despite the massive Soviet arms shipments to Egypt and Syria beginning in February, 1973, and continuing until the October war — the intelligence

community argued that all-out warfare would not erupt.

Even after the war started, the Defence Intelligence Agency — the Pentagon's intelligence organization, which is separate from the CIA — was still dismissing the likelihood of major hostilities six hours after Egypt and Syria launched their surprise attack.

THE CIA this year asked a panel of seven outsiders, mostly prominent academicians, to join experimentally in drafting the next long-range intelligence estimate of Soviet objectives. The Soviet experts tended to agree with the dissenters in the intelligence organization, arguing that the Soviet Union sought superiority, not rough equality. Consequently, the new estimate was changed.

There are now some who feel that outside experts should be brought into other areas of intelligence analysis, including the Middle East, where the quality of work over the years has been questionable.

During the past year, Congress has investigated several U.S. intelligence failures and illegal excesses, causing a considerable uproar in America. Confidence in the intelligence community seems to have reached a new low.

The incoming director of the CIA, Theodore Sorensen, has already pledged to take a close look at the entire intelligence operation and to introduce far-reaching reforms where necessary.

"If the CIA was wrong on such a major matter as Soviet strategic intentions," one disgruntled American official said, "you can imagine the blunders on other, more marginal, matters. If the American people knew how wrong the CIA has been, they'd burn the place down and start rebuilding it from scratch."

The official was exaggerating, but his comment reflects the disappointment that is felt here and underscores the need for some fundamental changes.

POSTSCRIPTS

EVER SINCE we were warned in our youth against believing anything in Old Moore's Almanac we have naturally had a weakness for this kind of forlorn hope and have followed our weekly horoscope, forgetting it completely by the next day.

An Australian reader has sent us some predictions for 1977 which need not be taken too seriously since they are made by the man who foretold, mistakenly, that the city of Adelaide would be razed by an earthquake.

John Nash foresees, reasonably enough, that 1977 will be a year of rapid change. Then he predicts a catastrophic freak flood in the Indian city of Allahabad for January 19 in which millions of Hindu pilgrims will perish.

He foretells a disaster in the United States on Inauguration Day, with the President-elect being struck down by "something" as he stands on the platform. The same object will also hit the incumbent leader.

Britain's Prince Charles, he predicts, will suffer head injuries in

an accident, possibly on his way to Australia. But the Prince of Wales will recover because he is the mysterious 886 of the Book of Revelations.

Nash sees the Middle East oil producing countries "changing hands" after a "third Israeli war." Presumably, we shall come out of that safely since he goes on to say that "Israel will start to rebuild its temple."

Two other predictions are that 1977 will mark the beginning of a drought which will leave half the world without food and that Idi Amin will be assassinated early in the year.

ONE OF THE MOST famous hotels east of Suez is Raffles in Singapore. It has been written about so much that it comes as a surprise to learn that last month it celebrated its 90th birthday, and had the feeling it was half as old as time.

Urban renewal has changed the face of Singapore, but Raffles Hotel

remains unchanged. World Feature Services reports. It has survived threats of flooding, economic depression, Second World War bombing, Japanese invasion and a political bomb blast in 1964.

Everybody who is anybody has stayed at Raffles, from emperors and film stars to writers — including Rudyard Kipling and Somerset Maugham (who wrote "The Moon and Sixpence" there). It is still a favourite location for film-makers.

The hotel, named after the founder of Singapore, was established in November 1886 by three Armenian brothers. Built in French Renaissance style, it has 126 rooms and even today more than 300 servants to maintain its reputation for excellent service.

When written in unvocalized Hebrew, there is no difference between "Raffles" and "Repulse." This caused a great deal of confusion in this country when the Hebrew press carried banner headlines about the sinking of the British battleship in December 1941.

READERS' LETTERS

THE PALESTINIAN ARABS' FRIENDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Since ignorance is a major reason for anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism, it is vitally important for us Jews to win the propaganda war against our enemies.

Nowadays, the Israelis are falsely indicted as the oppressors of the Palestinian Arabs and the usurpers of their land. Who should restore the Palestinian Arabs' "legitimate rights"? Britain, who ceded the East Bank of historical Palestine to Jordan, who in 1948, annexed the West Bank and in September 1970, brutally massacred the Palestinian Arabs whose cause Jordan now champions? Egypt, who, in 1948, herded the inhabitants of the Gaza

ASTROLOGY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — May I express my disapproval of your yearly publication of astrological forecasts. I suppose you did it with your tongue in cheek. And yet I consider it inappropriate and dangerous that The Jerusalem Post encourages its readers to accept superstitions as printworthy or even as believable. Astrology is a widespread obscurantism condemned already in the Bible.

I kept the two last forecasts published by you, one a year ago and the other at the end of September. With the exception of the general prediction of economic difficulties in Israel and of worldwide inflation, every other particular prediction of Mr. Pekar was wrong.

Every attentive reader of your paper (with the help of some common sense) would have done better.

W. ALEXANDER SCHOCKEN
Cambridge, Mass.

MRS. JACOBSON IN JERUSALEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — AACC-Jerusalem advertised in The Jerusalem Post (December 29) the appearance of Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson on Sunday at a public meeting in Jerusalem, where she will report on her recent trip to Egypt, Syria and Jordan.

Although Mrs. Jacobson is described in our ad as the chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization, this in no way intended to imply that she will be speaking in any official capacity. Just as her trip was made in a private capacity, Mrs. Jacobson will address our meeting as a private person.

We wish to assure your readers that the WZO and Hadasah organizations with which Mrs. Jacobson is closely associated, are in no way involved.

DOV CHERNOV,
Director, AACC-Jerusalem
Jerusalem.

LOU BOYAR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The death of Lou Boyar is certainly a loss to all of us. His sincerity and complete identification with all Israel's needs and desires will long be remembered.

He took great pride in his membership in Pioneer Women, and spoke always of being the only "male" member of our organization. His close association with Pioneer Women of Los Angeles (of which his late beloved wife Mac was a devoted member) resulted in the building of the Mae Boyar Children's Home and Community Centers in Israel, which serve the children and families of Beit Shean, Or Yehuda, Eilat, Beersheba and Jerusalem (and not as erroneously credited to Hadasah in your article of December 22).

His inspiration will continue to spur us on to greater achievements.

ESTHER ZACKLER
Past National President of
Pioneer Women of U.S.A.
Tel Aviv.

WIZO HQ

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — One of the most resolutions of the World Wizo conference should pass is to move its headquarters to Jerusalem. It is a shame that a world organization like Wizo should keep its headquarters in Tel Aviv when we expect foreign countries to move their embassies to Jerusalem.

MRS. DORA SHAPIRO
Havatzelet Hasharon.

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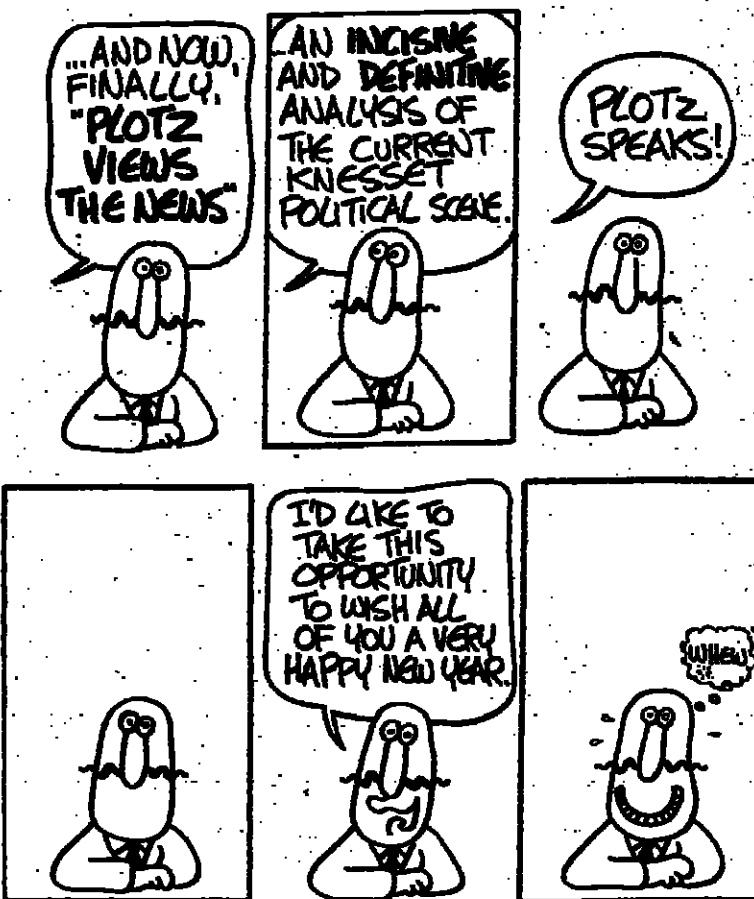
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Dry Bones



All my grandparents

Today, 10th of Tevet, is General Kaddish Day for the victims of the Holocaust.

By HANNA ZEMER

MY MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS are buried in Cluj (Klausenburg, Transylvania, about 450 kilometres from Bucharest). During a recent visit to Rumania, I decided to observe the mitzva of visiting my ancestral graves — if only I could find them. I was told this would not be simple, for three Jewish cemeteries remained in Cluj, and some of the communal registers had been burnt during World War II, and I did not know any details whatever.

But something undefinable impelled me to try and locate those graves. I don't know whether it was some personal affinity, or even some dormant childhood memory: I had never known my grandfather or grandmother. Perhaps it was the natural sense of familial duty or the legacy of the Jewish generations who had spared themselves no trouble in the effort to fulfil this mitzva.

I suspect that in my case the urge was rather rooted in the singular experience of the generation that underwent the Holocaust. I thought of my dozens of uncles and aunts and their children whom I had known and loved and who were among the Six Million who had been murdered and burnt and who had no graves I could visit. I thought of the graves of dear ones beyond the Iron Curtain, in a country which does not maintain relations with Israel and which I had no intention of entering. Here I had the opportunity to observe the mitzva, to visit desolate graves which had no one but me to call at them. I went to Cluj.

THERE ARE MANY GRAVES there, but few living Jews remain. Cluj was once a Jewish metropolis: before World War II it had a community of 20,000 Jews. Today, the communal wardens told me, it has 540 registered members, who, together with their families, number perhaps 1,200 souls. It has a synagogue in which services are held. It has a mikve (ritual bath) that is used. It even has a shoket (ritual slaughterer) who was brought from Israel because the local shoket went to Israel. There is even a kosher restaurant. But the average age of Cluj's Jews is 65. It is not difficult to surmise that before too many years there will be no Jewish community in Cluj.

There are many Jewish graves in Cluj, all bearing witness to a glorious past. But the heart sears also the graves that are not there — the graves of the many thousands — about 70 per cent of the community — who were annihilated in the Holocaust. One can see the memorial tablets in the synagogue, relieve the trauma of rebellion despair and impotent anger, in this impossible encounter with what is no more and never again will be.

I found my grandfather's and

grandmother's graves which, at the Nazi period, for more than two decades, no one had visited. For this fact was a personification of Jewish history. For my grandfather had borne 18 children, an even though not all of them have lived to be raised by her, she and grandfather had established a large tribe of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And of all that tribe no one was left there to come and say "El maleh rakamin" prayer at graveside, for dozens of them had been taken off to be slaughtered. Few had come to Eretz Yisrael, and few had remained and totally assimilated. I looked at thousands of graves around me and knew that the same applied to families of most of the buried. This is a community of destiny, the Jewish People, and it is difficult to differentiate between the individual Jew and that of collective. They all were my grandparents.

AT THAT SILENT POST, my thickly lumped. I suddenly heeie thought, a thought that nothing to do with practical logic which was quite ineluctable the circumstances — the frigh thought that all those dead at graves no one called had no v knowing that the Jewish f lives. That perhaps they know about the Destruction that h them forsaken there but not the Restoration beyond the se And I felt with all the intens feeling that turns to faith in very being there was witness the chain has not been cut. The remnants not only are alive, b have an affinity to the past had not been aware of and a link to future continuity. I felt I had been granted the privi visiting these graves in the n all the grandchildren and grandchildren who had slaughtered, gone away, o themselves off, it was I wh brought the buried the news the restored Israel that was i at its roots, consciousness and sion.

I felt that now all those g fathers and grandmothers kn certain that they are not the that they did not come to an end their death and with the Holoca their being. I felt that now they that the Jewish People living i own land, speaking the lang engraved on their tombstones, direct continuation of them, with all my might I wanted dead to know, and with all my believed that know they now do we are here — umbilically link them and to the entire Jewish p and that we will safeguard physical and spiritual continu the end of time.

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